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Party admits Ecclestone gave £lm

Labour cash row hastens funding law

A TOP-TO-BOTTOM reform of the way Britain's political parties are funded was prom-ised by the Government last night as it struggled to wipe away the taint of sleaze surrounding its decision to exempt motor racing from any

tobacco advertising barr.
After Labour was forced to admit that it had received £1 million from the Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone, the Government hastened its review of political funding and hinted that the law would be changed to ensure that all such handouts were disclosed

The prospect of state fund-ing of political parties was also back on the agenda with a number of senior Cabinet ministers backing an idea that Tony Blair has treated with

scepticism in the past.

The urgency shown by the Government confirmed how. badly Mr Blair and some ministers have been shaken by the row over the Ecclestone donation and the advice from the standards watchdog Sir Patrick Neill that it should be

Jack Straw, the Home Section early next year to name all donors who give more than £5,000 and outlaw all foreign gifts. In the meantime, Sir Patrick will receive the terms of reference for his inquiry into the subject. He will be asked to look at state funding, the possibility of limiting both the amounts individuals can give and the amounts parties can spend at election time, and

the principles of funding. Under the present rules, the size of donations cannot be disclosed without the giver's agreement. But Mr Straw made plain that if Sir Patrick were to recommend that full details of all donations should be disclosed, that could be included in his Bill.

Paddy Ashdown said yesterday that it was right that Sir Patrick's committee should consider the matter - and at the same time disclosed that



My client requests that his sentence be decided by the For-mula One panel"

he had turned down a donation of £1 million before the election because he feared his party would be tainted by it. The benefactor, whom Mr Ashdown did not name, was the Harrods owner Mohamed Al Faved.

The offer - which would have been the Liberal Democrats' biggest donation from an individual — was considered at the highest level of the party after informal meetings between Mr Fayed and offici-

Mr Ashdown told the Today programme on BBC Radio 4: "I was advised and my judgment was sought on a donafrom a perfectly legitimate source of perfectly legitimate money amounting to £1 million.

"A million pounds for us, when we spend £3 million in total, is very considerable money. I had to consider that very seriously. I made the judgment that it needed to be turned down and we did. The judgment I made, and I'm not being sanctimonious about this, was that I thought the party's name might be

Mr Fayed, who gave £450,000 to the Conservatives in the 1980s, was the principal figure in the cash-for-questions controversy that haunted

John Major's government for

three years. One Liberal Democrat MP said: "Can you imagine what the headlines would have been if we had

said yes?"

Mr Ashdown's dislosure came as a spokesman for Mr Biair said that all donations could be come under question as a result of Sir Patrick's judgment on the Ecclestone money. There were "very serious ramifications", the spokesman said.

Sir Patrick had ruled that nothing improper had occ-urred but said that Mr Ecclestone's gift should be returned for fear that it might give an impression of a con-flict of interest.

But few big donors did not at some stage come into contact with government, Mr Blair's spokesman said, so it could be argued that all such donations might be questionable. There will have to be fundamental changes in the whole system."

Some ministers were appalled to learn the magnitude of Mr Ecclestone's gift. While they accept that the donation would not have influenced Mr Blair's decision to overrule the empt motor racing from the tobacco advertising ban, they were worried that the public might not be so sure.

Both Mr Ecclestone and the party had refused for three days to say how much the donation was, but the exact amount was finally revealed after The Times disclosed yesterday that it was a sevenfigure sum. A senior Labour spokesman said: "We have spoken to Mr Ecclestone's office during the day and secured his agreement that we can state publicly that he made a donation before the general election of El million." The money has already been spent, but party sources said that they would cut back

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Schumacher 'leniency' condemned

By JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

TWO British former world motor-racing champions yesterday condemned the lenient punishment given to Michael Schumacher, of Germany, for deliberately ramming Jacques Villeneuve during the Euro-

pean Grand Prix last month. The Formula One officials agreed only to erase Schumacher's second place in the 1997 world championship, a meaningless decision given that the season is over. In the controversial incident in Jerez Spain, Schumacher crashed out of the race, leaving Ville-neuve to finish third and become world champion. The 24-man council of the eration (FIA) yesterday said that the actions of Schumacher were deliberate", but they were not

premeditated". Damon Hill, Schumacher's

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female ones ? ~ Simon Barnes, page 22

prostitution but

me that there is no belief that it

have regained the title if Villeneuve had crashed and he himself had finished the race, said: "It is important to

bitter rival, said: "It is hard to

take the punishment serious-

ly. Surely it is an instinctive

action not to crash into

Jackie Stewart, three times

world champion, said: "My

concern is that I think the

sport as whole . . . will not see

this as a serious enough penalty for what the world

perceived the offence to be."

Schumacher, who would

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was a deliberate act." cleared Williams and McLaren of fixing the result of the same race. On Saturday. The Times printed transcripts

Woodward

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BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

LOUISE WOODWARD, the

British au pair, broke her

silence yesterday to thank the Massachusetts judge who freed her and to mourn the

baby she was convicted of

"I am enormously relieved

"I have been deeply sad-

dened by Matthew Eappen's

death ... as anyone listening

to the 911 tape can readily understand. I loved Matthew.

I know that his family is

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Judge Zobel reduced Miss

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that Judge [Hiller] Zobel has seen fit to give me back my liberty," Miss Woodward, 19,

said in a statement.

The world ruling body also

tween teams and drivers, sug-gesting that the two Britishbased teams had colluded to arrange the outcome.

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Both teams denied any

Cornered teachers advised to 'bash and dash'

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS were yesterday advised by their union to bash and dash when cornered by an aggressive pupil or parent by aiming for the knee, solar plexus, elbow or

little finger.

The fightback technique was recommended by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers in response to "numerous" calls for new ways of

combating school violence.

Last night the union, the third largest, stood by the guidance published in its magazine despite its widespread condemnation as "dangerous" and "rash".

Peter Smith, its general secretary, said bash and dash" was only recommended as a last resort for teachers finding themselves alone with an assailant. The union felt it had to give tough advice because of growing numbers of assaults on teachers.

"I certainly don't want teachers up and down the country whose first thought is hunge, kick and go for the soft parts," said Mr Smith. "What we are saying is that

teachers frequently feel very vulnerable. Just because you are-a teacher, there is no reason why you should be a punchbag.

Mr Smith said the worst case he had dealt with involved a Quaker teacher who refused to light back against a former pupil and ended up

Mr Smith said the advice in the magazine was taken from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. Sian Rees, for the trust, said that it had rejected sugges-tions to put on self-defence

classes for teachers. The National Union of Teachers said it had never advised teachers to go on the offensive. Headteachers criticised the advice as "dangerous".

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Mortgage rise

Millions of homeowners are facing higher mortgage bills after the Abbey National became the first big lender to raise its loan rate in response to last week's interest rate rise. The Northern Rock will adjust __Page 27 its rates today_

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Mr Temperiey, left, and Mr Smeed: at opposite sides in the battle that set soggy Czech sandwich against German chicken leg

Flying tonight: friendship suppers

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

AN EVENING intended to cement international friend-ships ended with the police being called after a fight broke out over food and a German woman was injured by a flying plate of chicken legs. The battle began when 30 German dignitaries from

Homberg were being entertained at the arts centre in their twin town of Bridgwater in Somerset. In the adjoining room was a small party from the Czech Republic celebrat-Bridgwater's twinning ing Bridgwater's twinning with the town of Uherske Hradiste.

Caterers mistakenly put food for the Czech-Slovak Priendship Society on the same table as that for the Bridgwater-Homberg Link Society. It was divided up but the Czech group's English host

claimed the German party had taken all the best food. Humphrey Temperley, the Old Etonian deputy leader of Somerset County Council, said: "It appeared to me all they were getting were plates of soggy sandwiches so I walked into the adjoining room to get them a plate of

chicken legs and salami. I never made it back." Mr Temperley, 48, a Liberal Democrat, said: "I was hit from all sides by people at the German reception. I used to play wing-threequarter and had never been tackled so never been tackled so hard as when I tried to make my way back with the food." .

During the fraces a middleaged German woman was hit in the face by a flying tray, bruising her nose and cheekbone. A tall Englishmen was seen marching up and down in a Basil Fawlty impersonation of a goose-stepping German. Eventually the German party locked themselves in a room with their food and Mr Temperley called the police.

He said: "It was disgusting.

The county council had paid for food for our Czech guests and they weren't getting any. so I decided to do something about it. It was a pathetic, embarrassing farce."

Phil Smeed, a retired police

superintendent who organised the evening for the guests from Germany, said: "I was amazed, appalled and astonished that someone in such an apparently responsible position could behave in the way he did.

"For some reason the food for both receptions had been placed in our suite and when that was spotted the staff came and divided it up and took Temperley came in and grabbed more handfuls of chicken and salami. I went to complain to the staff and when I got back to the top of the stairs I was showered with chicken legs.

"Food was scattered all over the floor as people tried to stop him taking two trays. Several people were in shock, including a German lady who was hit in the face by a plate of chicken legs. The average age of the guests must have been well into the 60s. We're really too old for punch-ups."

A police spokesman said yesterday: "We received a call a disturbance at the Bridgwater Arts Centre on Friday. But by the time our officers arrived the disturbance had died down and we did not receive any

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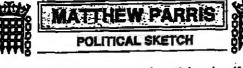
Blair goes down big with Britain's bosses

so remarkable about our present condition that the ordinary journalistic rules of simple sentence construction fail me, that at 12.20pm on a clear-skied autumn Tuesday. in a year almost within sobbing. distance of the end of the 20th century, 500 richly suited men and women, individuals at the very top of their chosen business professions, busy people, people of singular intellect and judgment who between them hold the levers of power across a great swath of British commerce and industry, hastened by aeroplane, taxi, train, Rover, Jaguar, Rolls-Royce and Mercedes Benz from the four corners of the United Kingdom and

conference centre in Birmingham and sat together waiting in an excited, expectant and expensive hush, for the transmission upon a large rectangular cloth screen of a moving picture of the features of Anthony Charles Lynton Blair, and for the sound of his voice. The performance is now available on tape. How expensive this was to produce we cannot say, but it must have been one of the most costly to watch in the history

I. too, hastened to the CBI conference, choosing the front row.

As a talk from a real headmistress neared its end, excitement mounted at the prospect of a talk



chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, indicating the screen above his head, warned his audience: "There is a danger that at some point the Prime Minister may appear up

He did. "I now have a cue that tells me we have to conclude." Sir Colin blushed - and there Blair was, larger than life, on the wall. The gap between his eyes was nearly two feet across. Tony Blair is moving to us through cyber technology," Sir Colin gasped as, through the ether, an image of Mr

Blair's dreadful tie, orange with black polka dots, was beamed to Birmingham, six feet long. The Head was frowning and nodding.

"Education is your undoubted passion," Sir Colin warbled to the Tie, "we await your words with great anticipation." Might he be about to prostrate himself in front

Mr Blair said nothing much and said it for about 20 minutes. His eyeballs were the size of tennis balls and kept flicking, so you knew he was reading a script. "Let me set

out the basic principles of a modern economic policy." The Eyeballs flicked. Five hundred eager little faces gazed up at the screen as Mr Blair expanded.

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"There is a new sense of national purpose!" exclaimed the Mouth. "Together, let us get on and do it!" The Eyeballs were still. A thousand plump little hands applauded the

"You have kindly agreed to respond to a couple of questions," Sir Colin said to the Eyeballs. The huge Head nodded. Odd that although hanging in the air were a number of doubts on a variety of newsworthy controversies. Sir Col-in asked the Tie to lay our fears to rest over trade union legislation and to enlarge a little on "the

challenging global targets that you, Prime Minister, have made a centrepiece of your political agenda." The Mouth knew all about global targets.

Thank you. Sir Colin breathed, "for such a detailed explanation."
The Eyeballs blinked. "We hope next year we'll have the privilege of your company in person." A very slight frown flickered between the Eyeballs."And that." Sir Colin gushed, "rounds off our conference extremely well and on a very positive note indeed."

The slightest inclination of the Head acknowledged the tribute. Then they turned him off.

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Portillo returns to frontline campaign

By James Landale and Nicholas Watt

MICHAEL PORTILLO yesterday cast himself in the unlikely role of an amateur politician just helping out anold friend at a by-election.

Out campaigning for Ger-ald Malone, the defeated Tory MP seeking to recapture Winchester, the former Defence Secretary, declared: "I have no political role. I'm just a layman helping out at a by-

In his first forzy into the political fray since his conference fringe speech calling for a new, caring Tory party, Mr Portillo struck a markedly humble note, insisting it was



Hague: campaigning in Beckenham yesterday

tors may be recruited to exam-

ine allegations against police,

a minister told MPs yesterday.

Alun Michael, the Home

Office minister for police, said

there were "strong argu-ments" for giving the Police Complaints Authority powers

to appoint non-police investi-

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vestigated by officers from another force under the super-

vision of the authority. This

Complaints are usually in-

specialist knowledge.

too early for him to seek reelection. But despite his declaration after losing his seat in

Southgate seat to Labour at the general election. Yesterday he said: "Coming to byelections is an important contribution. I hope to be at many

election. If you have been defeated and pop up the next day asking to be re-elected, people will say you couldn't bide by the verdict of the

that will give Tory grassroots a greater say? That did not

even occur to me," he said.

First stop was Minstrals

Civilians may help

to investigate police

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

INDEPENDENT investiga- But Mr Michael, giving evi-

May that he would take a' break from politics and "get a life", Mr Portillo yesterday insisted that he had always planned to help the party on the ground.

Mr Portillo lost his Enfield.

other elections to help more Conservatives get elected."
Couldn't he have helped by standing for the other by-election at Beckenham? "I didn't think about it for very long," he said. "It was too early to put myself up for re-

Central Office a week of his time to campaign around the country. He hopes to give 30 speeches in 30 constituencies. So was the tour a preemptive leadership campaign nead of changes to the rules

Cafe in the heart of Winchester. Mr Malone said the election was too close to call, but predicted a "decisive result for the Tories on November 20. William Hague's "clarity on EMU" was playing

well on the doorstep he

Mr Portillo attacked Mark Oaten, the Liberal Democrat candidate who won the seat in May by two votes, for his "Trappist silence", at Westminster. Mr Oaten, who has apparently spoken only once during his five-month tenure in the Commons, argues that there is more to being an MP than standing up in Parliament. He has written more than 100 letters to Ministers arguing Winchester's case.

to press the flesh on the doorstep. After trying three empty houses in the village of Kings Worthy, Mr. Portillo pas a dis and Andrea Hall, a retired ambulanceman and nurse. To his surprise, they were fans. "When are you going to get back in," asked an excited Mr. Hall. "You've got to get back

Also out on the byelection campaign trail yesterday, William Hague set aside memories of Piers Merchant's fall

from grace as he met the teenage pupils of a girls' school during a campaign Mr Portillo then headed off tour of Becke also goes to the polls next Thursday.

Michael Portillo, right, with Gerry Malone, who is trying to regain his seat in Winchester after losing it by two votes at the general election

audience as he toured the Langley Girls School. The byelection was caused by the resignation of Mr Merchant after he had an affair with a teenage nightclub hostess.

During a two-hour tour of the school Mr Hague stumbled across a classroom of pupils copying out nude figures by the French artist

Henri Matisse. Leaning over the shoulder of one student Mr Hague said: "You are much better than I

could have done." Jacqui Lait, the Conserva-Insisting that Mr Merchant tive candidate in next Thursant premitive a day's by election, could only very different to our age".

Mr Hague told his audience that the by-election gave then a chance to sensure the government for its unprincipled behaviour. "You have an opportunity in the by-election to say to the government that it cannot just behave like that. If you elect another Labour MP they will be lost amongst the

pointed question Rachel Benn, 16, asked bluntly whether the single currency would split the Tory party. Mr Hague gave an emphatic no, adding that he had received a "tremendous reception" when he of EMU on Moriday.

☐ Winchester general elec-tion result: M. Oaten (LD) 26.100; G. Malone (C) 26,098; P. Davies (Lab) 6.528. Lib Dem

☐ Beckenham general elec-tion result: P. Merchant (C) 23,084; R. Hughes (Lah) 18,131; R. Vetterlein (LD) 9,858. Tory majority: 4.953

Political funds | Thief may return Prince's letters

By Richard Owen and Stewart Tendler

A CONVICTED Italian petty thief yesterday offered to hand back personal letters he claimed to have stolen along with jewellery from the Prince of Wales' apartments in St James's Palace three years

Renato Rinino, 35, who was first convicted aged 16, claimed he still had letters addressed to the Prince from Camilla Parker Bowles.

Speaking through his lawver. Alessandro Garassini, in Savona, he said he was willing James's Palace in February 1994. The thief rifled the Prince's private apartments and took jewellery worth £65,000. The next a day a man of Italian or Mediterranean appearance sold a pair of the Prince's cufflinks "for scrap" to a Hatton Garden bullion dealer but he was never caught and no other items

were recovered. Yesterday Signor Garassini said Rinino, who is at present in jail for a string of petty offences, had told him him that during a visit to London three years ago he had "burgled a splendid house in London without having any idea who its illustrious owner was". It was allegedly only later that Rinino realised that the apartments belonged to the Prince."

IN BRIEF

Lords back total ban on handguns

down from a further confrontation with the Government when they agreed to drop two amendments to legisla-tion which will impose a

total ban on handguns. Weeks after inflicting a double defeat on the Government, the House of Lords threw out the two amendments which would have allowed disabled people to use small practise at approved cen-tres. The Bill is now set to receive Royal Assent and

Homes alert

Social bousing in London is facing crisis because the rising price of land and property in most areas is making it almost impossible for housing associations to acquire new sites for development, according to a report by the National Housing Federation.

Conjugal rights

Sinn Fein has called for immediate negotiations on the release of its prisoners and, in the meantime, for them to be allowed more contact with their families, including "facilities for the

Inauguration, page 6 Children at risk

A million children in Britain could be losing out on their childhood because they have to look after an alcoholie parent. Many are abused physically and sexually, and neglected emotionally, according to reports from the charities Alcohol Concern and ChildLine.

Victim 'wanted'

Rudolf "Rudi" King, 22, shot in his car in Willesmurder of Meshach Welsh, 20, outside Trenz nightclub in Hackney, Scotland Yard said: Two men arrested after the shooting have been re-leased on police bail.

Cool Yule tips

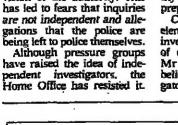
A day-long seminar for people who can't cope with Christmas has been launched by the relationship counselling scrvice Relate. The £35 course on ampton City College will families to communicate and not expect too much.

Retiring rhino

A rhinoceros is being retired to Scotland because it is too old to breed. Dick, 28, will join two other elderly rhinos at the Blair Drummond Safari Park near Stirling. All come from the West Midlands Safari Park in Bewdley, Hereford and

CORRECTION

A caption to an agency photograph yesterday acco ing an article on the Spice Girls wrongly identified the man shown as Simon Fuller: in fact it was Bob Grace, the group's song publisher. We apologise for the error.



Although pressure groups have raised the idea of inde-

dence to the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. said the possibility had been considered when the Criminal Cases Review Commission was set up this summer. The commission has powers to appoint independent investi-Yesterday Mr Michael told

the MPs that extending the powers to the authority was something with which we have got a degree of sympathy" and ministers would be prepared to consider it.

Critics of an independent element have suggested the investigators would face lack of co-operation from police. Mr Michael said that he believed independent investigators would be accepted because they would be seen as part of a team.

But he was not convinced by arguments that all police complaints should be investigated an independent commission. He asked where the staff would be recruited from and who would pay

The Police Federation, representing junior ranks, has already said it would support independent investigators but questioned how they might be recruited. The Association of Chief Police Officers has also said it is not opposed in principle but chief constables question the costs and how a system of independent investigators might work. The complaints authority suggests it would cost up to £30 million a

Continued from page I on some campaigning activi-ties to repay the money quick-

ly. There might even be some redundancies, although that seems unlikely. Labour spent E27 million in the two years up to the election and has a £4 million overdraft. Asked yesterday if he ex-

pected something in return for his donation, Mr Ecclestone said: "I don't want anything. I still don't want anything." He had made the gift in January when no one was discussing tohacco sponsorship and he described accusations that his donation was influential in the Government's decision to exempt Formula One from the ban on such sponsorship as completely stupid" and "not

fair". But John Maples, the Shadow Healthy Secretary, said that Labour's admission of the donation sat uneasily with its rhetoric in opposition. Then it claimed that the party in government needed to be open about funding. "In stark con-trast, this admission has had to be dragged out of them under pressure from the media. Labour would never have admitted to this donation if the spotlight on the link between Formula One and Labour had not been high-

lighted last week." During his Today interview, Mr Ashdown said that the present system of party funding put "excruciating judg-ments" in the hands of parties that could lead to considerable difficulties. "It's not easy. It's important that parties should retain some of the legitimary they get from fundraising in public. But also parties should not be drawn into decisions which can lead them to damage the reputation of our politics and political decisionmaking." There had to be a framework in which sensible decisions could be made.

William Hague has said that he is against state funding of political parties.

to return the stolen items provided he was able to "meet the Prince and his sons face to face," Signor Garassini said his understanding was that the British courts could not press charges against his cli-ent after a gap of three years. The burglary took place at St



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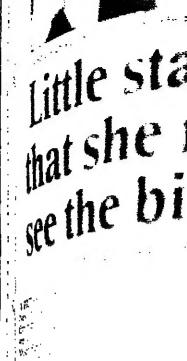
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Little star is told that she must not see the big picture

A BRITISH actress who flew from New York to London for her first film premiere has been told that he will not be allowed to watch. Mischa Barton is 11 years old, and censors have given the film a 15-

The little star of Lawn Dogs was keeping fairly cool about the prob-lem last night — she said she would prefer to go for an ice cream with her mother anyway. But the producer Duncan Kenworthy, whose last feature was Four Weddings and a Funeral, said: "It's ironic that having spent two and a half months playing this role, she is still four years too young to be allowed to see the finished film."

Mischa will be allowed to stand briefly before the audience as the film is introduced tonight at the London Film Festival in Leicester Square. She was born in Hammersmith, West London, to British parents who later moved to New York. In the film, she plays a troubled ten-year-old who imagines a relationship with a 22-yearold man who mows her family's

Mrs Nuala Barton, whose husband is a financier, said that she has allowed Mischa to have a private screening on video, as there was nothing particularly explicit about the film, beyond that the male lead, played by Sam Rock-well, is seen jumping off a bridge in the nude and in a trailer with a

"But that's a sound thing," she said. "You might see one breast, but it's not explicit, and Mischa was not involved in it, though when you see it, it looks as if she's

Mrs Barton said her daughter's discovery was like a fairy story. She was approached by agent who saw her perform a work created in a summer camp. Although many child stars do not come to terms early success, Mischa has been performed in four off-Broad-

has come into this business from a serious perspective - the theatre", said her mother. "It's not a big money thing. It is for the love of doing it."

Mischa, who expects to be hav-

ing ice cream with her mother and her younger sister, Hania, nine, said: "It's a funny feeling when "It's a funny feeling when they won't let you see your own movie. But I'm sort-of secretly pleased. I love Hāagen-Dazs. "

Lawn Dogs goes on general release from November 21.Although shot in America, it was produced, directed and financed by Britain. The director was John Duigan, whose previous movies include Sirens and Flirting.

Mr Kenworthy, the producer. said: "With most child actors, you have to piece together a performance from here and there

With Mischa, we could have played every scene in its entirety as a close-up of her face, and you would never have caught a single



Missing the premiere, but hoping for an ice cream instead: Mischa with her sister Hania, 9

Queen declines to fill up with 99p hot dog

By Damian Whitworth

THE Queen was introduced to the delights of do-it-vourself hot dogs yesterday but de-clined to share the experience of those of her subjects who like to eat on the move.

The 99p hot dogs, among a variety of petrol station fare, caught the eye of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during a visit to the London neadquarters of Shell. Both were apparently a little astonished by this latest product offered to motorists at filling station forecourt shops.

The "machine" containing rows of sausages and neativwrapped rolls, with serveyourself tongs, was on display at an exhibition marking the centenary of Shell.

Hazel Catterall, manager o Shell shops' areas, said: The Queen was surprised at the eating people do on the move these day and that there was such a thing as hot dogs that people make up themselves,"

Despite the presence of large plastic bottles of ketchup and mustard for customers' use, the Queen and the Duke declined even a single bite. Nor were they tempted by chicken korma, cheeseburgers and beefburgers with relish, each in little boxes, designed for heating in the adjoining microwave ovens.

The Duke said he had read that in Scotland only 40 per cent of people eat together as families now," Raju Sivakumaran, a regional shops manager, said. "He took a lot of interest, asking who makes our sandwiches and how long things keep fresh. He was very interested in the hot dogs but he didn't let on whether he had ever had a hot dog himself."

Rape victim, 56, makes appeal to her attacker

By Joanna Bale

was raped by a man suspected even to a young person.

of a series of attacks on "You may not intend to kill

in a rare public appeal by a rape victim, the 56-year-old businesswoman described how the man dragged her into bushes as she walked alone in the dark to a car park in Saffron Walden, Essex. The man told her he had a knife, punched her in the face, and ripped off her clothing during the ten-minute ordeal last Wednesday evening.

Afterwards she managed to alert a 17-year-old youth in a parked car who called the

The mother of four told a press conference how she managed a conversation with her attacker despite her terror. "I said, Would you want your mother to go through this? and he said No. I wouldn't let

it happen."
I said that if there was another rapist like him out there, maybe his mother

would be next." She said she had a message for her attacker: "I beg you to please come forward. You need help. Nobody in their right mind would have done

A GRANDMOTHER who this to a mother of my age, or

women yesterday urged him somebody but you may well do it out of sheer panic as you could well have done to me that night.
I know you think you have

got away with it but you have not because as long as I have the strength of my friends police and family, you will not. am determined to see you come to justice very quickly." Her adult son, who sat by

her at the press conference at Braintree police station. Essex, sobbed as she spoke of her Urging other victims to come forward, she said: "I

think it's very important that I make this appeal so that other people who have been raped will know that you can survive and you need to be strong."

Police have linked the attack with the rape of a 21-year-old woman in Kelvedon, ten miles away, on August 5. They also believe he may have knocked out a young Japanese lan-guage student in Saffron Walden a week before, and raped a French student near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on October 3. He is described as about 20 with very short hair.

Bulger

yesterday criticised the Home Secretary's failure to inform her of new rules governing the detention of the two boys who murdered her son.

The Home Secretary has said that he will consider early I cannot put into words how I can do what I can to ensure that they serve the 'very many

Jack Straw is to set new minimum terms that Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, both 14, must serve following a Law Lords ruling that Michael Howard was wrong to set the term at 15 years. Mr Straw will review the progress of the two boys at the half way stage.

James, aged two, disappeared during a shopping trip in Bootle in February 1993. The trial judge recommended that the boys serve a minimum of eight years, increased to ten years by the former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth. Mr Howard increased it to 15 years.

mother is upset by ruling

THE mother of James Bulger

Denise Bulger, 30, said: release of my son's murderers. upset I am by this news. I need to know where I stand so vears' that the trial judge said they should serve."

Britain's oldest bird presumed lost at sea

BRITAIN'S oldest bird is feared dead after she failed to show up for her normal breeding season. Flora the fulmar had returned to the isle of Eynhallow in Orkney each year since the early

Scientists who had been studying her for signs of senility now fear she has died of old age. Flora was ringed as an adult bird 46 years ago, and has laid at least one egg a

year ever since. Experts believe that Flora may be aged over 50. She has aircady outlived one of Scotland's best-known wildlife experts, who had been involved in a detailed study of fulmars on Eynhallow since 1951. George Dunnet, a zoology professor, died suddenly two years ago aged 67. The ful-mar study is being continued by Peter Cosgrove, 28, also of

Aberdeen University. At the Culterty field station at Newburgh, Aberdeen-shire, Dr Cosgrove said yesterday: "We are very concerned that the bird may



Fulmars normally do not live beyond 25 years

now be dead. The only other possibility is that she is still roaming the oceans because she is maybe too old to breed. It would be a real shame if that is the case because I have grown very fond of her."

Flora became so used to scientists' interest that whenever they went to put a new ring on her every year she

used to lift her leg to help them with their task. Mike Everett, of the Royal society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday: "This fulmar is very well known in ornothological circles be-

cause she is the oldest bird

ever recorded in Britain." Fulmars usually live to an average of 20 to 25 years. The birds survive for so long partly because of their excellent defence system: they lodge some fish offal at the back of their throats and if a bird of prey tries to attack, spit a foul-smelling sticky substance more than 20ft. This oily liquid removes the waterproofing from an attacking bird's wings and the predator usually dies soon

Fulmars nest on bare rock ledges on sea cliffs and usually lay just one egg cach year. In Victorian times they were known only on St Kilda, but they have spread around Britain's coastline. with the population now estimated at 300,000 pairs.

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In the early stages of the chase, glycogen and blood sugar levels fall sharply.

As the hunt progresses, fatty acids in the blood rise, indicating high physiological stress levels.

Red pigment in blood plasma increases, caused by ruptured blood cells. In the later stages of the hunt, high levels of muscle enzymes appear in the blood, indicating life-threatening muscle damage.

Despite its name, stag hunting is not confined to the male of the species.

Hinds are hunted too, sometimes when they are pregnant or with a calf at heel.

Stag or hind, the end is the same. A free wild animal is hunted to death.

The RSPCA has long campaigned against all hunting with dogs.

In areas where deer need culling it is more efficient and more humane for them to be shot by a marksman.

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A Private Member's Bill seeking to ban hunting with dogs comes before Parliament on November 28th.

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The 28th is a Friday when many MPs will be back in

their constituencies.

We want you to persuade them to stay in the House and vote to end this cruel 'sport' once and for all.

You can write to your MP direct at the House of Commons, or call the RSPCA on 01403 223284 (9-5 weekdays) and we'll send you a campaign pack.

And if you need further motivation, look again at the stag in the picture.

Look him in the eye.

And tell him you can't be bothered.



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Au pair's story could be worth more than £1m

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DUISE WOODWARD inds to make more than million from newspaper. an and book deals once she is ack in Britain, experts said st night. Several US film impanies have begun biding for the rights to her story. But Miss Woodward's lawr, Barry Scheck, has advised er to sign nothing until the gal process in America has en completed.

The prosecution lawyers are appealing against her revised sentence and Miss Woodward fierself is appealing against her conviction for manslaughter, a process which could take nths. Public opinion in the US is already turning against the au pair and her advisers are concerned that she does not appear to be cashing in on

Miss Woodward's family had a £50,000 agreement with the Daily Mail based on her



Woodward: advised not to sign contracts yet

days ago but it is understood the newspaper is bidding for a new contract against several

other newspapers.

Hello! magazine is understood to have offered £100,000 Paying money to convicted criminals and their families is against the Press Complaints ommission's code of practice. But Lord Rothermere, chair-man of the Daily Mail & General Trust, last night defended the move adding that "pedants make poor journal-He said that victims could

only sue criminals for compensation if they had money.

"If you pay convicted people for their story it enables the victim to sue for compensation," he said.

A crew from Carlton Television's The Big Story has had an arrangement with Mr and Mrs Woodward but a spokesman said there have been no

The publicist Max Clifford yesterday claimed he had been asked to represent Miss Woodward but refused because he did not believe she was innocent. He estimated would make at least £500,000 for her story but the

money should be given to charity. He told Talk Radio: being sentenced on Monday broke its records, with 1.7 million watching in Britain "If she wants to retain the popularity and compassion of the British public she will

have to be careful what she

Sky News claimed that the

watched Miss Woodward

The case has also prompted attacks on the competence of childcare experts involved.

abuse industry" who had whipped up hysteria.

Mr Scheck said that the American National Academy of the Sciences should put

shaken baby syndrome" and other supposed symptoms of child abuse. Writing in yesterday's Wall

together a team to define

The tragedy of Louise Woodward's time with the Eappen family has led to a frenzy of bidding by media groups for her first-hand account Street Journal, Harvey Silverglate, another of Miss Woodward's team, called for a crusade against "junk sci-ence". He blamed her original conviction for murder on the manipulation of the jury by "ideologically motivated phy-sicians, social scientists and social workers who proceed

from trial to trial offering seemingly incontrovertible scientific evidence that a seriously injured child had to have been the victim of abuse. rather than of accident or even

> Nigella Lawson, page 20 Letters, page 23

Eappens stay on offensive over ruling

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN CAMBRIDGE

Zobel yesterday for freeing Louise Woodward. While newspaper editorials across America greeted her release with approval, Deborah Eappen said: To see Louise essentially exonerated, re-leased to the cheers of her fan club - to see her as some kind of hero - what is Judge Zobel

Polls suggested that popular opinion, while in favour of the judge's ruling to reduce the charges to manslaughter, was against his decision to free her so soon. In a joint poll conducted by the newspaper USA Today, CNN television and Gallup, 52 per cent disapwith 37 per cent in favour.

In an interview with The oston Globe, Deborah appen attacked what the judge described as "a compas-sionate conclusion". She said: Compassionate for whom? For a defendant who didn't ask for compassion? For a defendant who didn't take responsibility, who denies what she did, who is in denial about the seriousness of her

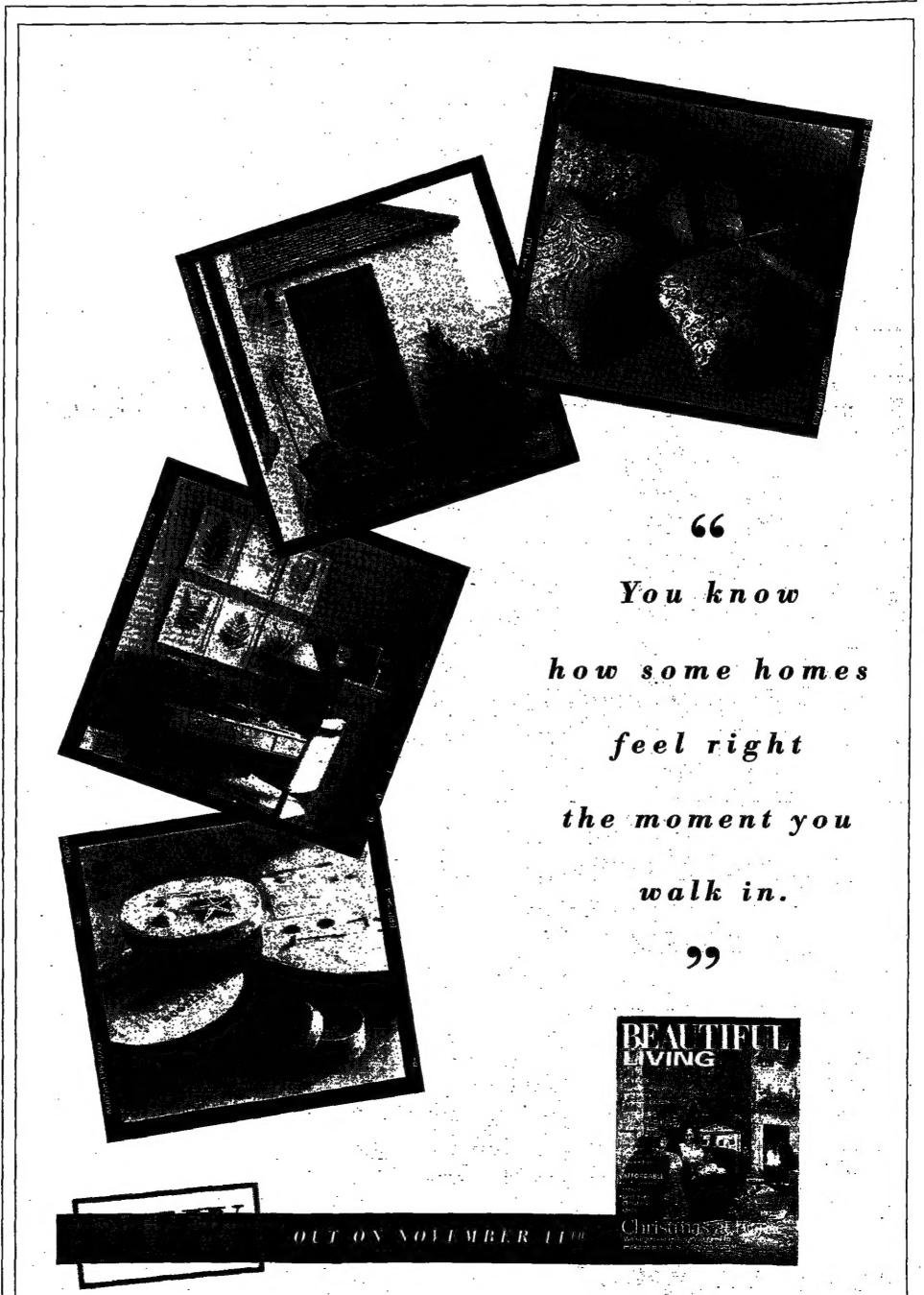
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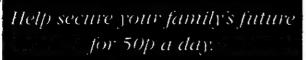
does not make her take responsibility for what she did. Would he do that for a poor black or Hispanic defendant? In an editorial entitled "Judge Zobel's justice" The Boston Globe said "the Woodward trial, for all its intricacies and turns, has come to a just conclusion". The New York Times reached the same conclusion. It said: "By finding Ms Woodward guilty but sentencing her to the 279 days she has already served, Judge Zobel made use of a safety valve in Massachujustice in those rare cases when a conscientious jury

But the New York Post and the Boston Herald, two tabloid newspapers with large Post said: "We don't know how many guilty-as-sin muggers, rapists and worse directed verdict to justify lenient treatment for themselves - but we would guess that it'll be a lot. And they'll have a

THE mother of Matthew Matty, and Judge Zobel at Eappen criticised Judge Hiller once admits that and then

point. The Herald asked "So this

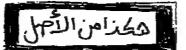






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New Irish President makes peace priority

Mary McAleese aims to end bitter enmities, reports Audrey Magee

MARY MCALEESE was sworn in as the eighth President of Ireland yesterday and pledged to use her seven-year term to bring peace to Ulster. Mrs McAleese, a former

Belfast law professor and first Irish President from Northern Ireland, said it was possible to end the enmity between Unionists and nationalists if people across Ireland worked with her to create a "wonderful millennium gift" of peace.

A Roman Catholic and unapologetic nationalist from Ardoyne in Belfast, Mrs McAleese said that she wanted to help to unite nationalist and Unionists. Neither side had a monopoly on pain and both had suffered intensely from the 28 years of conflict.

We hope and pray, indeed we insist, that we have seen the last of violence. We demand the right to solve our problems by dialogue and the noble pursuit of consensus,"

Mrs McAleese acknowledged, however, that mistrust ran deep and that to speak of reconciliation was to "raise a nervous query" in those in Northern Ireland who support British rule. She said it was fitting that her inauguration in Dublin Castle coincided with Armistice Day, the day to remember Unionists and na-



Mrs McAleese's children look on as she takes the oath of office during the inauguration at Dublin Castle

tionalists who fought side by side during the world wars. Mrs McAleese declined, however, to wear a poppy to remember the dead. The flow-er is widely viewed by nation-

alists as a symbol of Unionism. Her pledge to build bridges was undermined, however, by the absence of Ulster's Union-

ists at the inauguration cere-

mony. They declined invi-

tations in protest at Articles 2

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and 3 of the Irish Constitution laying territorial claim to Northern Ireland. Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein

president, was among the 600 guests in St Patrick's Hall. He sat next to John Hume, SDLP leader, who was next to Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ire-

land Secretary. Lord Alderdice, the Alliance Party leader, was also present despite his call to Mrs McAleese to stand down after

it was alleged during the election campaign that she was a Sinn Fein supporter. Lord Alderdice sat next to George Mitchell, the former US senator and chairman of the Stormont talks. Mary Robinson, the former President, sat behind Mrs McAleese.

Among guests personally invited by Mrs McAleese to the ceremony, where dress was informal for the first time. were the poet Seamus Heaney, the former Beirut hostage Brian Keenan and Anne Maguire, one of the Maguire Seven alleged in 1974 to have housed a bomb-mak-

ing factory in London.

Mrs McAleese, 46, also drew up a list of 25 guests to represent the various strands of Irish life, including an Irish dancer, waitress and journalist. She included one Unionist in her list, Harvey Bicker, a UUP councillor from Down

and friend of Mrs McAleese. Her speech met with a frosty reception from Unionists. Jeffrey Donaldson, UUP MP for Lagan Valley, said said Mrs McAleese would have to back words with

"If she wants to be a bridge builder she will have to encourage the Irish Government to drop its constitutional claim that shames us all". The newly appointed UN Commis-sioner for Human Rights, speaking in over Northern Ireland," he

plot" on fighting abuses and that the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was no occasion for celebration.

She said: "We still have widesprea

discrimination on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religious belief or sexual orientation and there is still genocidetwice in this decade alone. There are 48

population living in what we have grown used to calling 'absolute poverty'."

She said such failures cried out for a fresh approach and said she would be writing to all Governments to support her work, and to all foreign ministers to review the results of the Vienna human rights convention five years after its



School pupils greet Mary McAleese after the ceremony in which many strands of Irish life were represented

Robinson attacks UN's record

MARY ROBINSON, the former President of Ireland, yesterday launched a scathing attack on her new employer, the United Nations, accusing it of wasting billions of dollars and failing "on a scale

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Ukrainian sailor tried to swap lethal pen for TV A UKRAINIAN sailor who The Ukrainian then demon-

tried to swap a James Bondstyle pen gun for a colour television was fined £500 yesterday. Alexsander Osipenko told a shopkeeper he tried to do the deal with: "You have burglars, you kill them, bye

A police armourer said the device could fire shotgun pel-lets or CS gas bullets, and could be lethal.

Janet Furlonger, for the prosecution, told Camborne ates Court that the £ year-old Ukrainian was third in command on the Zodiak, a Russian fish factory ship. She said he and a shipmate went into the Cornish port of Falmouth looking for electrical goods. The pair went into the Dig and Delve second-hand shop and inquired about a television set. Osipenko then pulled out the fountain pen gun from his jacket pocket and offered it to Geoffrey Camden-Wiles, the shopkeeper:

strated how to unscrew the pen and load a bullet. Mr Camden-Wiles alerted

police and Customs officers who boarded the Zodiak. arrested the men and confiscated the gun. When interviewed by police

Osipenko claimed that the remark about shooting burglars was a joke. Fred Howell, for the defence, apologised to the court on his client's behalf. He said: "Osipenko has never been in trouble with the polic does not associate with criminals and does not like guns He had been given the per gun by a friend. Osipenko is paid only £45 a week even though he is third in command on the ship that has 69

a translater. Through Osipenko admitted a charge of possessing a firearm which was disguised as a pen. He was fined £500 plus £54 costs. The gun was destroyed.

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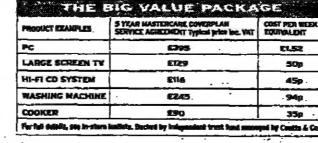
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and the cold could prove fatal for many children this winter. Vithout aid this could be catastrophic for Bulgaria's orphanage children. The European Children's Trust, sister charity of The Rumanian Orphanage Trust, is ready to distribute emergency food packs, clothes and fuel to the orphanages in most need.

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Teenager 'tortured for weeks before murder'

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

A TEENAGER was system-atically tortured by her 49deliberately disfiguring her". The jury was told how Miss Bates, from Hattersley. year-old boyfriend for up to our weeks before she was Greater Manchester, was a hurdered, a court was told strong and sporty girl who yesterday. Kelly Bates, 17, had had wanted to be a teacher. 150 injuries. She was blinded, She was at college in Hyde stabbed, burnt, scalded, par-tially scalped and starved before drowning in a bath. Police found her naked body and worked for a graphics firm in Audenshaw, both Greater Manchester. Miss Bates had started a in the upstairs bedroom of her poyfriend's house in Gorton,

Greater Manchester. Peter Openshaw, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Manchester Crown Court that the teenager's eyes were gouged out at least a week, but perhaps three weeks before briefly split up with him but her death. She had also been returned to the home in Novstabbed in the eye sockets in ember 1995. the three days before her teath. Mr Openshaw said that the victim's "physical pain would have been intense,

down and collapse". Her facial injuries, including stab wounds to her ears, eyes and the inside of her mouth, were "as if he was

causing anguish and torment

to the point of mental break-

Bates's brother Andrew had confronted Mr Smith about his sister's welfare at the house in Gorton, and was sure that she had been hiding in the loft, the jury was sold. In March, Miss Bates failed to sign cards for her parents' wedding anniversary and for her father's birthday. Mr Openshaw said: "Little

could understand how a man

to Gorton Police Station and

often pretended to be uncon-

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could kill a woman".

relationship with James Smith, who is unemployed, when she was 14 or 15. She had is known about the last month in her life. She was in effect a prisoner in her home." The jury was told how Mr Smith had bumped into a not told her parents, fearing their disapproval. She eventu-ally moved in with Mr Smith friend at a supermarket and commented how "his girl-friend and her lying were making him mad and said he at his two-bedroom semi-detached house in Gorton. She

Miss Bates's parents, Mar-garet and Thomas, had become increasingly concerned about her welfare and saw her with bruises and a bite mark which she passed off as an accident. At Christmas she gave up her job and her mother noted she was sometimes strange during telebrace themselves as he read out the catalogue of injuries Miss Bates had suffered. He said: "She had been stabbed and cut many times, with cuts on her face, even in her mouth. She had been scalded on her buttocks and burnt with a domestic iron and possibly a cigarette end. She had fractured arm and crushed fingers. Her eyes had been gouged out and then some days later she had been stabbed into the eyes. The actual cause of death, which must have been merciful, was drowning in the bath. The injuries must have been caused over a long period of time, at least a week, maybe a

couple of weeks, maybe a month, before her death." On April 16 Mr Smith went Some of the injuries said he had killed his girlincluding ligature and presfriend. He told officers that sure marks to the neck and marks on her knees that suggested she had been kneelduring an argument while she was in the bath, she had swallowed water. He said she ing on floorboards for a con-siderable time — had begun to scious but he had been back

Mr Smith denies murder



Kelly Bates, a sporty girl who had wanted to be a teacher. She suffered 150 wounds

Lottery pub game seen as social evil

By RICHARD FORD

LOTTERY-style gambling in thousands of public houses and clubs is to be banned amid alarm among ministers at the dangers of mixing alocohol and gaming in un-regulated conditions.

George Howarth is expected to announce later this week that the Government will legislate to outlaw pub lottery games, which a number of firms are poised to launch.

Mr Howarth, the minister with responsibility for gaming, will tell MPs of the social dangers of allowing the potentially addictive games to be introduced in public houses. It is understood ministers are concerned that pub lottery games would be aimed at pubs used by the poor.

Mr Howarth is to make his announcement only weeks before Inter Lono planned to launch Pronto! in 2,000 outlets. Gamblers can bet on screens in pubs at five-minute intervals, with jackpots of more than £20,000.

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Parents take Blunkett to court over

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A HEAD teacher who feared for his life when attacked by a parent was wrong to ban the man's 12-year-old daughter from the school, the High

Court was told yesterday.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, was accused of flouting a "fundamental principle of free state education." by allowing Southlands Comprehensive School in New Romney. Kent, to refuse to teach the girl.

Teachers regarded the ata. Impted murder and had timeatened industrial action if forced to have anything to do with the family, the court was told. Cherie Booth, QC, said that Mr Blunkett had overruled his predecessor, Gillian Shephard, who had decided the school's action was unlawful and had ordered it to take

her back. Ms Booth said: "It is a, fundamental principle of free state education that schools are available to a child in their area. It is not for the teachers to pick and choose which child they will educate, still less which parents they will allow to be involved with the

rheol."

Ms Booth, representing the parents, added: The governing body cannot sit on their hands and allow the teachers

to defy the law." Mr Bhunkett said that the girl who cannot be named, would be better off at another school because of the gover-

ners' stance and Kent County Council's offer of free transport to an alternative school:

John Friel, for the gover-nors, admitted they were in breach of their duty to the girl, but said they agreed that the teachers were justified in refusing to have anything to do with her family.

In a statement, Mr Cahill described the attack, which happened in May 1996 after the parents were summoned to discuss their elder daughuniform. The father grabbed me, pushed me across the room and began twisting my tie. I had no doubt he was attempting to kill me.

"This was a serious and deliberate attempt to strangle me. His wife stood there watching. I genuinely feared for my life. I could not breathe and everything went black."

Mr Friel said that while the

youngster was blameless, a catalogue of incidents before the attack on Mr Cahill led to the school's refusal to take her and to the expulsion of her elder sister. The two older children had shown contempt for the school and authority generally. They had a very serious record of antisocial and criminal behaviour."

The record of the older children included violent behaviour, bullying, setting fire to public property, theft, fraud, and a serious incident of indecent exposure, he said. The case continues.

Unruly family of 9 evicted by judges

By JOANNA BALE

terrorised a council housing estate were ordered out of their home by judges at the Court of Appeal yesterday. Three brothers in the family had seven convictions for burglary at homes on the Spencer Estate in Northampton, a headmistress was targeted for harassment after she expelled one of the boys and another woman who "felt like a prisoner in her own home" was

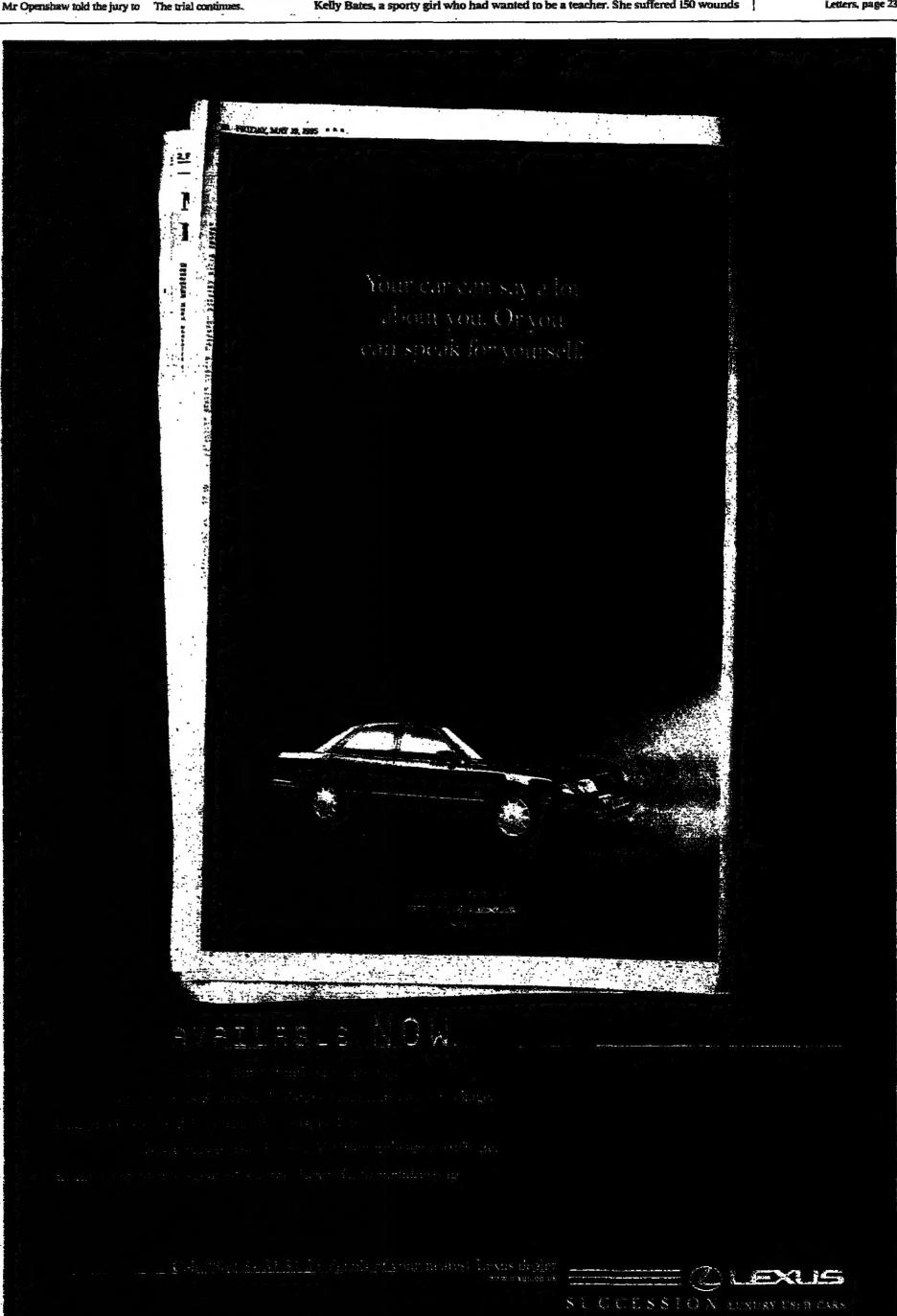
forced to leave the area. Robert and Margaret Lovatt and their seven children had a total of 11 convictions in 1994 but the harassment and racial abuse continued through to

A COUPLE whose children the summer of 1996, the judges said. The family had appealed over the eviction order imposed by Northampton Borough Council because they claimed that none of the trouble had been caused within 100 metres of their home. Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Chadwick ruled that the term "neighbour" could apply to anyone living on the same estate.

Lord Justice Henry said; "In these days of amplified music, there is force in G K Chesterton's observation, Your next-door neighbour.... is not a man; he is an environment."

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Gift made **Ecclestone** a champion party backer

BERNIE ECCLESTONE'S admission yesterday that in January he gave Labour £1 million places him in pole position among backers of the people's party.
Only Matthew Harding, the

Chelsea Football Club vicechairman who died last year, matched the generosity of the Formula One king, who was paid £54 million last year and gave the Tories £8 million before his change of heart.

Mr Harding also gave £1 million to Labour coffers shortly before his death in a helicopter crash. Next in line is the millionaire publisher Paul Hamlyn, who has contributed £600,000 to the party.

But these kinds of gifts, unheard of back in the early 1980s when Labour was still at odds with the bosses, are no rich man's whim. They represent the fruits of a concerted attempt by Tony Blair and his lieutenants to widen his party's appeal and recruit support and cash from some of Britmost dynamic entrepreneurs.

in Labour's annual accounts, they are coyly referred to as "high value donors". The latest set of accounts highlight the way the boardroom bretheren are rapidly replacing the unions as the main source of Labour funds. Labour's total net income in 1996 was E17.1 million - 37 per cent up on the previous year. At £7.7 million the unions provided 45 per cent of the total. But at £6.2 million (37 per cent), fundraising was not far behind. Of this sum, £3.5 million came from the kind of people Labour once denounced as fat cats.

In 1986, the unions accounted for 76 per cent of Labour income, while activities such as tapping the pockets of rich

Unlike the Tories, for the past two years Labour has

£5,000 a year. But it does not specify the amounts given. Observers are left to speculate, unless a donor goes public. Had Labour not returned the money to Mr Ecclestone, his name would have appeared among the list for 1997, to be published next September. But there would have been no mention of £1 million. In 1995, Labour received

one-off donations above E5,000 from 17 sources. They included Geoffrey Robinson, the millionaire Labour MP and Paymaster General, big unions such as the GMB and the sugar company Tate & Lyle. In addition, seven sponsors, including Kingfisher and the Mirror Group, made regu-lar donations totalling more

By 1996, the list of one-off donors had swelled to 55 names, with a further II organisations making regular donations. Mr Blair's backers include the actor Jeremy frons, the supermarket boss David Sainsbury, Robin Ashby, a PR consultant, Richard Faulkener, joint manag-Communications. a lobbying firm, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a Lloyd's underwriter and chairman of Martin Stowe Estates, and Creation Records, Oasis's label.

WHEN Tony Blair first shook hands with Bernie Ecclestone

he was simply the latest in a long line to benefit from the

Formula One supremo's Mi-

das touch. For Labour it was a

million-pound handshake.

For Mr Ecclestone, soon to be

a billionaire from the flotation

of his racing empire, it was

The 5ft 4in 67-year-old trawlerman's son lives and

works from a nine storey

£7 million Knightsbridge

mansion. For tax reasons 80

per cent of his business is

owned by his 6ft 2in Croatian

wife Savica, who is more than

Monza circuit in 1981 and

married her in 1985. Slavica,

£750 million and £1 billion.

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25 years his junior.

small change.

No figures appear against their names, but some businessmen have chosen to go public. They include Leslie Silver, former chairman of Leeds United Football Club, who gave £25,000, and Robert Gavron, chairman of the Guardian Media Group, who eave £100,000.

Amid much controversy. some donors have been given peerages. They include Mr Sainsbury, Swrai Paul, the Indian-born chairman of the Caparo Group, a familyowned steel business, the film director Sir David Puttriam, Michael Montague, a wealthy the English Tourist Board.



Bernie Ecclestone and his Croatian wife Savica, a former model set to become Britain's wealthiest woman

£1m was small change to the tycoon called Bernie the Bolt

Dominic Kennedy on the life and

style of the billionaire Labour

supporter who got his money back

only person to call him "Mr

Ecclestone". To everyone else he is "Mr E", "Bernie", "The Little Man", or "Bernie The

He is a sharp dresser wear-

ing shirt, tie and slacks. With a

cockney accent refined to fit

the company he keeps, he is

the master of the one-liner.

When environmentalists

threatened to shoot him.

because some trees had been

chopped down to create the Meibourne racing circuit, he quipped: They had better get me with the first

Mr Ecclestone was born in

Suffolk and later moved to

Berdey in Kent He studied

wich Polytechnic but had

bought and sold metorcycles

from the age of 15 and made

ings and a valuable collection of netsukes, finely carved miniature Japanese sculptures. When in London he patronises ultra-fashionable restaurants. where he has been seen dining with leading politicians.

However, most of his year is spent working 16-hour days in a long, sleek, grey executive coach known as "Bernie's Bus", a familiar sight at Grand Prix circuits where a He met the former Armani model, his second wife, at the never-ending procession of owners, managers, agents and drivers conduct the succession of deals that keeps the Formu-

the daugher of a fireman who la One juggernaut on the road.

The intense loyalty he comleft school at 16 is said to be the person he trusts most with his business affairs. She will bemands from most people in come Britain's wealthiest the sport is based on the buge woman when he floats the El.5 amount of money he has billion Formula One Holdings brought into the game, transon the stock market next year, ferring obscure engineers into netting the family between multimillionaire managing His office and home are

His trusted lieutenant is an and a chain of motorcycle

to indulge his passion he raced motorcycles and 500cc singleseater Formula Three cars against Stirling Moss in the

He bought the Connaught Formula One team in 1958 then sold his businesses, which had expanded to inchude property and finance, for a huge sum before pur-chasing the troubled Brabham team in 1970, winning two world titles with Nelson

By the late 1980s he had grown out of running one team and saw an opportunity to extend his power, leading an attempted breaksway of racing teams to rival the sports ruling body the FIA. He became the FIA's vicepresident and formed the Formula One Constructors Association, the main base of

He prides himself on his probity and reputation for doing a deal on a handshake, and has always been able to joke apout malicious gossip surrounding the rapid rise of a former proportion of the pr

How can Blair have missed danger signs? TONY BLAIR and his advis-

ers quickly need to learn the difference between Opposition and Government. They have behaved with astonishing naivety and foolishness over the Bernie Ecclestone donation. Mr Blair has a soft spot for successful entrepreneurs, but he has been gullible. Out of office, no one questions too closely discussions with businessmen, but in office, there are rules and procedures to be followed.

How can Mr Blair or his inner circle not have realised the dangers of the appearance of a conflict of interest when he overruled the ad-vice of the Health Department and granted a special exemption from the ban on tobacco sponsorship to a businessman who had given Labour El million only months before the election? After all, Mr Ecclestone was hardly a committed Labour supporter, having previously given even larger sums to the Tories.

As Professor Anthony King, a member of the Neill (formerly the Nolan) com-mittee has pointed out, such conflicts are covered in the Ministerial Code which Mr Blair issued in a revised form in July. It is odd that the Blair team has not learnt about the scandals that the Democrats have faced over fundraising from business. Labour's total of E27 million in the 18 months before the election has exhoes of the Clinton White House money machine in 1995-96.

No wonder 10 Downing Street was in a tizzy yesterday — talking about very serious ramifications and saying everything was up for review — disclosure, limits on contributions and spending and state funding. The Blair camp is desperate to retake the political initiative and turn the tables on the Tories. But before everyone rushes to urge radical reforms, they should pause and reflect. What sort of party structure do we want? How much do we want to encourage the participation of individual members or to strengthen centralised

State funding can ossify a

party system and discourage the recruitment of members. It is also no guarantee against corruption. Mr Blair rightly believes that taxpayers will be reluctant to subsidy the activities of political parties. There is already state support for the work of Opposition parties in Parlia-ment and in kind with the provision of air time for television and radio broadcasts. There is a case for a limited expansion of resources for policy work, but none at all for unconditional state subsidies for cam-

paigning and organisation.

An alternative approach is to impose national limits on expenditure, to match the tight restrictions on constituency spending. This might appeal to Labour, which is eager to reduce its dependence on the unions while also ensuring that the Tories do not have a funding advantage. However,

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American experience shows that limits on contributions

are easily evaded. The best answer is total disclosure administered by a new electoral commission which would supervise elections and parties generally.
All donations of above £1,000 in any year to parties or any other bodies seeking to influence an election would have to be published within a month. Similarly, when anyone receives an honour or a public appointment, any political donation should be revealed.

Tighter disclosure requirements, as well as the proposed ban on foreign donations, could be included in the promised Home Office Bill this session, while the longer-term issues should be considered by the Neill committee. However, the belated promises of tough action and new broom should be treated sceptically. Funding reforms tend to have unintended and perverse

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tan Blai Eco-friendly label may help shoppers beat green cheats

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

CONFUSION over goods that are claimed to be environmentally friendly may be ended by a government-approved green" label. The proposal follows reports by consumer groups that many claims by manufacturers and stores

claims are dishonest, misleading and bewildering.
Michael Meacher, the junior Environment Minister, said yesterday that people wanted guidance. A European Commission scheme, the Ecolabel, had been boycomed by some industries, and failed to win support among most national governments, who

had set up their own domestic "I see an imperative for Britain to have its own scheme," he told a conference in London on how Government and industry could promote sustainable develop-"Consumers want reliable advice. Many of the

green claims made by business are seen by the public as just so much hot air.

The Government was also considering legal force for a proposed code of conduct covering environmental claims in sumers could play a vital role in ensuring that demands for a higher standard of living were not at the expense of the environment. Energy consumption in homes produces about a quarter of Britain's carbon dioxide emissions, so significant savings could be made if people bought energy-

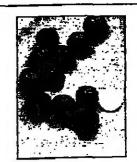
Rist Bjerregaard, the EU Commissioner for the environment, told the meeting that the Commission planned to revamp the Euro labelling project, Mr Meacher said if was unlikely that Germany, Austria and Scandinavia

retailers and industry would favour of a national one.

Jayn Harding, deputy envibury's, said that they would join if the Government and National Consumer Council could devise a scheme that was unambiguous clear, and not misleading. The com-pany had already taken steps to scrap its own green logo of a hand cradling the world. Only logos such as those of the Soil Association and the Forest Stewardship Council are to be

Last year a report by the National Consumer Council criticised claims on scores of products, including fridges and aerosols labelled as "CFC-free" (CFCs are banned) and washing powders lahelled as "biodegradable" when all UK detergents already meet





Hungry for second bite of mazzard

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

THE Millennium Fund is being asked to help to save the mazzard, an obscure relative of the cherry that few people have heard of and even fewer have tasted. Until the Second World War. orchards known as mazzard greens were one of the dories of Devon.

Today there are only a few hundred of the trees left and just a handful of people who One is Dick Joy, the 70-yearold chairman of the parish council at Landkey, near Barnstaple, who has applied for funds to create a "millennium green" in the village

Opponents of hunting start poster drive

OPPONENTS of field sports yesterday launched a nationwide advertising campaign in hunting, which the Commons is to vote on later this month. Posters showing hounds tearing a fox apart and pursuing a deer across a river are to be displayed on 1,200

billboards. The aim of the campaign is to drum up support for a Private Member's Bill, sponsored by Michael Foster, Labour MP for Worcester, which would ban hunting with hounds. It is scheduled for a second reading in the Com-

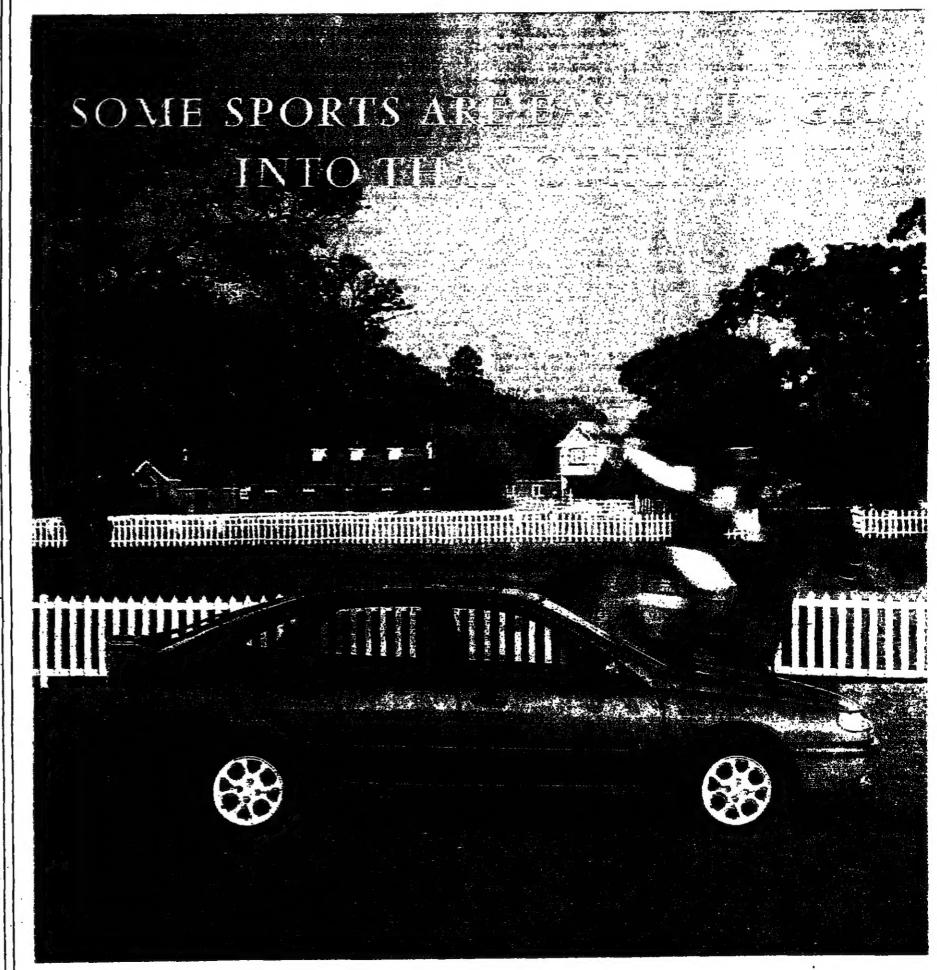
mons on November 28.
Although the Bill is expected to win the support of most MPs, the Government has refused to allocate it time to complete its Commons stages. Mr Foster, who attended the unveiling of a poster in and our public figures to speak out. I anticipate that my opponents will try every parliamentary tactic to try to delay this Bill, but if on November 28 it gets huge support from MPs of all parties, on a free vote, I believe that

will create a moral mandate to carry the legislation forward." The advertising campaign, costing at least El million, is paign for the Protection of Hunted Animals, an alliance of the RSPCA, the Interna-tional Fund for Animal Welfare and the League Against

The launch was timed to coincide with the results of an opinion poll, commissioned from MORI, showing that 73 per cent of the population now believe hunting should be stopped, a rise of 8 per cent since July. Another MORI poll, published last week, indicated that even among rural dwellers there is a majority of nearly two to one in favour of

banning hunting with dogs. The Countryside Alliance, which represents country support for a hunting ban did not mean such a measure would be justified. "There is a duty in a democracy to respect people who take part in field sports are a substantial minority - the rural minority." a spokesman said





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Free museums

'are perk for middle classes'

The people running national collections are split on the merits of charging visitors, reports Dalya Alberge

MUSEUMS and galleries should charge for admission because otherwise the poor are subsidising middle-class visi-tors through taxes, the director of the Victoria and Albert Museum said yesterday.

Every survey, including one published yesterday, showed that most visitors were ABCls. Alan Borg said, "To provide free entry for them out of the public purse amounts to providing subsidy to the middle

Mr Borg, speaking in a debate, "Who pays for muse-ums?", drew an impassioned response from the heads of other leading institutions. Earlier they had heard the Arts Minister, Mark Fisher, liken running a museum to a department store. He asked the directors of the generally cash-strapped institutions whether they "measured up well to the best practice in the retail sector, for example. Marks & Spencer and Harvey

Julian Spalding, Director of the Glasgow Museums, said that he grew up on a council estate in South London and that museums, entered for free, were the wider horizons" that had inspired him. "Do we just want to be left with shopping centres? he asked. The Government should maintain them not as a privilege but as a vision.

Tim Clifford, Director of the National Galleries of Scotland, lamented how the public was to be charged by the National Museum of Scotland to see great Celtic crosses which they could once see for nothing in the countryside.

The debate at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, was timed to coincide with a report on admission charges by Glasgow Caledonian University and the Central Office of information, which found that among people who did not visit museums, only 4 per cent cited admission charges as a disincentive. The report found

lack of time was the main reason for not going. More than half the adults surveyed expressed interest in visiting, and 71 per cent supported

voluntary donations. Although Mr Fisher yester day reiterated his support for the principle of free entry, David Barrie, Director of the National Art Collections Fund, was among many who

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sensed that the Government had performed a U-turn on earlier promises. Mr Barrie said: "Mark Fisher's speech strongly suggests that they have no intention of discouraging the introduction of admission charges; nor are they going to provide the additional money that alone would enable our major non-charging national museums to avoid introducing them."

Jennifer Edwards, of the National Campaign for the Arts, said that polls of political voting intentions showed that respondents did not always



Borg: charges needed

say what they meant. She cited lpswich whose museum had introduced a £2 charge and saw visitors drop by 61 per cent.

Some suggested free days at institutions that normally charged and others spoke of charging only for temporary shows in the debate organised by the Museums and Galleries Commission. But most speakers said that fees only created barriers, deterring repeat visits.

The V&A introduced compulsory charges in October 1996, allowing free entrance for children, students and everyone after 4.30pm. Dr Borg said that as between 40 and 45 per cent of visitors entered free, he felt sure that no one was deterred from coming. Before turnstiles V&A attendance figures were not counted. Dr Borg said that those who

held to the principle of free entry must find a solution: "No one likes charging per se. If you believe in principle that charging is wrong, then you have a problem in a world in which the financial resources available to museums are shrinking. If you do not believe it is wrong in principle. then charging becomes part of the solution to making museums as good and thereby as accessible as possible."

Sir Terence Conran, attending as chairman of the Design Museum, said: "We get no grant from Government. We have to charge to keep the museum alive. Our life is made more difficult by the number of national museums who don't charge. Why should you have to charge if they don't?" is a question often asked by the public."

Lord Puttnam, attending as chairman of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford. pointed to the way cinema had tripled its figures in the last few years, having looked beyond seat prices to improving the quality of the experience.

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solution to an impending budget crisis, but so far payment remains voluntary

However, Neil McGregor, Director of the National Gallery, said that institutions had a duty to remain free. Money could be raised through shops and restaurants. If people could enter freely, they approached the experience in a different spirit, more relaxed. and more confident". He not-

ed that 45 per cent of their visitors were from overseas. Sir Denis Mahon, the collector who has threatened to rethink his bequest to the nation if charges are intro-

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duced, said that tourists boosted the economy, spending in hotels, restaurants and transport. Charges were a shortrighted means that would bring an unhappy end. Karen Hull. Director of

Reading Museum Service, said that museum collections were the property of the people: "Museum charges would mean they pay twice." Lord Straboles drew sup-port from many when he called for changes to VAT and tax relief for donors of works system. It had helped to build fine collections there.

On VAT, Timothy Wilson. Director of the Ashmolean Museum said that the "regime is an ass". In buying a Canova hust, matching the price paid by the Getty Museum in California, the museum had to pay £54,000 in VAT.
That was not only extra money that had to be found

Painted Marines

battled carry-on soldiers

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

IT was like a scene from a Carry on remake of Braveheart, Royal Marines dressed as Highland warriors and with faces painted in Braveheart style fought with soldiers in women's clothes after the two groups chose the same bar for their pre-Christmas party, a court was told

A police officer said his van was surrounded by Marines brandishing imitation broadswords after one of their colleagues had been arrested for fighting.

Judge Ian Mckintosh told PC Andrew White at Barnstanle Crown Court "I Barnstaple Crown Court: "I don't think that scene app-

ears in the film." Marine Nicol Hemmings, 26, from Chivenor, and Royal Engineer Darren Fairhurst 28, from Fremington, Devon, both deny causing an affray on December 13 last year. They were among a group of 30 to 40 servicemen in fancy dress brawling in the street outside the pub, according

to police. Alan Large, for the prose-cution, said: "Marine Hemmings was wearing a kilt and had his face painted blue in the style of the film Braveheart, and several of those from the Army were wearing ladies' clothing." Trouble began when the

Marines ran into members of the Army's Independent Commando Group at a bar called Mr Berties in Barnstaple. After leaving the pub, the jury was told, fighting broke out as a Marine in a kilt and with a St Andrew's cross on his face attacked a rival.

Police Sergeant Michelle Slevin said she saw Engi-neer Fairhurst lunge at the rival group and as she restrained him, Marine Hemmings started throwing punches over her shoulder. As other police came to her aid and the two were arrested. Fairburst allegedly headbutted the Marine. The case continues.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Parents call for answers over death of sailor

The parents of Keith Summerhayes, 27, Chief Petty Officer on the frigate HMS London, were last night demanding an explanation after his body was found in the doorway of a block of flats in El Ferrol, northwest Spain, where the frigate was on a routine visit. His mother Carol, of Birmingham, said: "We have been told he fell down some stairs." Her son had become engaged last week.

Patients suffer

Cancer patients are suffering because of a critical shortage of skilled nurses, doctors and therapists, the King's Fund. the Cancer Research Campaign and Macmillan Cancer Relief say in a report. Urgent action is needed to recruit and train more specialists.

Knife trial halted

The trial of a teenager accused of knifing a woman graduate in the head on a train was halted after his barrister fell ill, and the Old Balley jury was discharged. Robert Buck-land, 17, of no fixed address, denies attempting to murder Alison Kennedy, 28.

Bus queue crash

A woman suffered head injuries and broken legs when a car driven by an elderly woman ploughed through a bus queue and crashed into a house at Frinton-on-Sea. Essex. Five others in the queue were treated for cuts. The driver suffered minor injuries.

Help for addicts

All prisoners wanting to conquer addictions to hard drugs should have a place in a special testing unit over the next few years, the Government said. A rolling programme will gradually increase the 4,000 existing places until demand is met places until demand is met.

CJD appeal

The Court of Appeal has reserved judgment in the case of the parents of a group of children who developed the human form of "mad cow" disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. They are challenging their exclusion from government compensation.

Reels net £26,000

A collection of fishing reels made by Hardy Brothers of Alnwick, Northumberland, sold for £26,000 at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, yesterday. They included a 1020s to the property of the collection o 1930s tournament reel which fetched £8,625, four times its estimated price.

Producer banned

Richard Pearson, 35, producer of BBC2's Top Gear motoring programme, has been banned

NHS calls for study of alternative therapies

By Mark Henderson

COMPLEMENTARY medi-cine needs to be more tightly regulated and to introduce recognised qualifications if it is to become an integrated part of healthcare, the NHS Confederation said yesterday.

A report for the confederation, which represents health authorities and NHS trusts, found that the bewildering range of professional organisations and training courses was making it difficult for GPs and trusts to make informed choices about complementary

Under current rules, a nurse who has taken a weekend course in acupuncture can work on the same basis as a practitioner with years of experience, often without adequate insurance cover. Only osteopathy and chiropractic are regulated by a single protected body.

The report follows the Prince of Wales's call last month for alternative therapies to become more widely available on the NHS. The

ment review of complemen-tary medicine's effectiveness. and training and regulation procedures. We need a national initiative, funded by the Government, to discover how complementary treatments can best be used by the NHS," Yvonne Mouncer, project of-ficer for the NHS Confedera-

tion, said. GPs and trusts who used alternative medicine had no way of knowing what they were getting for their money, she said. There is little evidence as to medical effective-ness." There are 143 professional organisations for complementary medicines,

representing 14 disciplines. The report, which surveyed 651 health professionals and alternative practitioners in Leicestershire, found that complementary medicine was used at a low but significant level within the NHS.

More than a third of mid-wives said they used complementary techniques, mostly aromatherapy, and 28 per cent of GPs referred patients to alternative practitioners. The lowest use was among dentists, just 6 per cent of whom had used complementary medicine. Aromatherapy, acupuncture and massage were the most commonly used techniques.
The NHS spends less than

El million a year on alterna-tive therapies, whereas the market is worth more than £100 million a year. The report found only 15 per cent of complementary practitioners work within the NHS.

David Tredinnick, MP, chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Complementary Medicine, said that such government action was essential to improve public access to alternative therapy. "We need to establish which treatments and practitioners we can have faith in." he said. "They can save the NHS a lot of money."

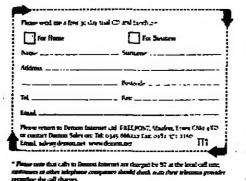
The Department of Health said it had started to explore the recommendations of the Integrated Healthcare report, and would consider the NHS Confederation's findings.

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Adverts are bare cheek to men

MEN have become the new victims of sexism in advertis ing. Watchdogs called for ceiving a series of complaints about images of males being humiliated and degraded by women.

The Advertising Stan-dards Authority said that a large section of the public regarded the trend as tasteess and objectionable. It identified a poster by Lcc. the jeans manufacturer. which shows a woman in denims and stiletto heels. with her foot resting on the buttocks of a prostrate, na-ked man. The headline reads: "Put the boot in".

Seventy-seven people had written to complain, saying the advert was offensive and condoned violence. In its defence, Lee said the posters

Carol Midgley on a watchdog's

fears about 'demeaning' images

urging women to put the boot in

ing Girl Power mood". There were also complaints about a Nissan car advert which portrays a man holding his crotch in pain, with the headline: The Micra. Ask before you borrow it." Nissan said that the advert was humorous, and portrayed the anger felt by women when their cars were borrowed without

permission. Another campaign which attracted criticism was for Wallis clothing stores. Under the slogan "Dressed to Kill", it shows women

wearing clothes which distract male motorists, cans-

tin said the complaints had not been upheld, but urged advertisers to use caution. Taking up the Spice Girls' slogan of Girl Power, it pointed out "For the moment at least, Girl Power is alive and well. Inevitably. some advertisers seem to have tried to capture the essence of this phenomenon

ing them to have fatal accidents. The ASA's monthly bulle-

by either portraying men being demeased by women, or portraying women playing on their desirability to, complainants felt these cam

paigns were tasteless and objectionable, the authority did not feel that the advertisements were likely to cause serious or widespread offence. However, the objections serve as a reminder that suggestions of violence in advertisements tend not to find favour with the public, whatever the 'victim's' gender and however humorous the intention." ☐ The ASA ordered cosmet-

le surgery clinics not to play down the risks of operations in their adverts, and said that they should not make a claim of being a "leading" establishment without being able to support it.

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Five vie to be Preacher of Year

Finalists will celebrate the art of the sermon today, reports Ruth Gledhill

FIVE preachers will today deliver sermons on holiness in the final of the Times/College of Preachers award at Durham Cathedral. More than 1,000 people have entered the award in the past three years and next year preachers from the Jewish community as well as the Christian community will be welcome. The Times an-

nounced yesterday.

The sermons will be given during a service at Durham, the first time the preacher of the year final has taken place outside London.

Also for the first time, the finalists, two women and three men, are all Anglicans. They were among the 30 shortlisted preachers whose original entries are published today in The Times Best Sermons for 1998 (Cassell £9.99).

The finalists are the Rev Sally Chapman, team vicar of Short Heath in the West Midlands and one of the first women to be ordained priest in 1994; the Rev Neville Manning, rector of Denton



The Rev Michael Parker, Gill Green, the Rev Neville Manning, the Rev Paul Walker

in Sussex; Gill Green, a Church of England reader of Ousden, Suffolk; the Rev Michael Parker, rector of St John and St Leonard's in Bedford and the Rev Paul Walker, a curate in Moor-

The panel of judges will be chaired by the broadcaster and writer Joan Bakewell and includes Ernest Rea, head of religious broadcast-ing at the BBC. Other judges

Include the 1995 winner, the Rev Barry Overend of Leeds, the 1996 winner, Father Bill Anderson of Aberdeen, and last year's other finalists. Arnold Kellet, Anne Peat, the Rev Christopher Burkett and the Rev Bernard Thomas.

Opening next year's award to the Jewish community will he subject to approval from the council of the College of this month. Prize money,

offered only in the first year will be restored, with £1,000 for the winner, and £250 to each runner-up. The Times gives £12.000 sponsorship to the award each year.

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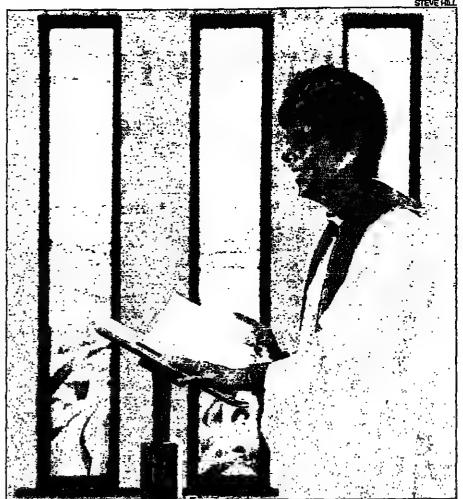
It is hoped that opening up the award to the Jewish community will reflect the increasing importance of the sermon in synagogues, and the Judaeo-Christian nature of British society. Rabbi Jonathan Romain.

of the Maidenhead Reform synagogue, said: "This is very important. The role of the sermon in the Jewish service has changed radically over this century. It used to be only twice a year, and in some Orthodox synagogues still is, but in most synagogues it is now a traditional part of the weekly service.

"It is a vehicle for educating people in the biblical text or tradition, but also the sermon should inspire. A good sermon is one that is canable of changing people's lives," he said.

The sermon should also challenge. There is a saying that a rabbi is no rabbi if his congregation does not want to run him out of town, and he is no man if he lets them." Entry to today's final is open to all and free.

☐ The Times Book of Prayers is also on sale now, price £9.99. A £2 discount is available on this book and The Times Best Sermons for 1998 on the 24-hour telephone hotline 0990 134459.



The Rev Sally Chapman, a team vicar in the Midlands, who was ordained priest in 1994

Church fund treasurer is jailed for theft

BY JOANNA BALE

A STOCKBROKER'S clerk) who stole more than £9,500 from a church restoration fund to spend on his mistress was jailed for 15 months

Residents of Cornish Hall End in Essex had appointed Steven Feakes, 41, as treasurer of the fundraising committee to restore their Victorian church because they knew he

had a head for figures.

After years of holding jumble sales, tombolas and fêtes, the 200 residents managed to raise more than £40,000 to repair St John the Evangelist

Unknown to the rest of the committee, Feakes was soon living above his means after becoming involved with a flocal woman. He began steal ing money from the fund to pay debts, Chelmsford Crown

Court was told. Martyn Levett, for the prosecution, said that Feakes, who pleaded guilty to five charges of theft and asked for 19 similar offences to be taken into consideration, had been treasurer of the restoration fund for almost five years. Earlier this year discrepancies were uncovered because the bank account showed an overdraft of £1,300, whereas the chairman had been given

THE Bishop of Bangor

started proceedings yesterday to unfrock the Rector of

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The Right Rev Dr Barry

Morgan has written to the Rev

Clifford Williams, 49, to tell him that he will be stripped of

his Holy Orders and expelled

as a clergyman in the Church

The bishop said that he

accepted the recommenda-tions of the Provincial Court

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that it was £6,400 in credit. The chairman also discovered that his signature had been forged on eight .cheques. Feakes immediately confessed and has since repaid £3,000 of the £5,595 he stole.

Jailing him, Judge Peter Greenwood described the thefts as "mean offences". He added: "You found yourself in financial difficulties because of a lady you took up with and the more expensive life you had to lead."

Natasha Wong, in mitiga-tion, said that Feakes had genuinely wanted to help the restoration committee when he took up the position of treasurer. It was two years before he began to dig into its

The Rev John Sheads said: "It was a terrible betrayal of trust. People in the village worked incredibly hard to raise money for the work that needed to be done on the church. They were magnificent but have now found themselves thousands of pounds short because of the activities of this man who they trusted.

"It came as a shock and a severe blow to discover what had been going on. But the committee has stuck to its task and the fundraising configures by Feakes showing

with "great regret" but he

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were to remain a minister, he

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The court, which sat in Caernarfon, North Wales, last

month, found that Mr Wil-

liams had given just cause for

scandal and offence by con-

ducting an adulterous affair.

It also found that he had lied

to the bishop and that he had

disobeyed the bishop's order

to stop taking services at St

Andrew's Church, Benliech,

Anglesey. During the five-day

hearing Iris Green, 56, accused Mr Williams of seducing her at her home near Benileth and then pursu-

ing her for sex for six years. Mr Williams told friends he was not surprised by the

decision. He is consulting lawyers about an appeal to

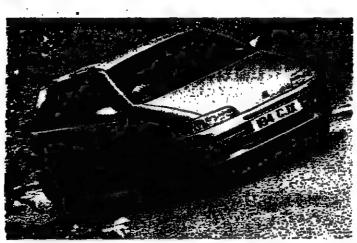
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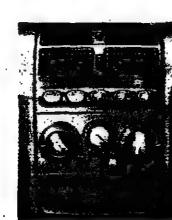
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BELATED recognition may soon be granted to a forgotter but vital wartime army that kept Britain supplied with fuel in the darkest days of the

When the country was blockaded by U-boats and a huge proportion of the coal industry's manpower had been called up for active service, Ernest Bevin, Minis-ter of Labour and National Service, decreed in 1940 that one in ten conscripts between the ages of 18 and 25 should go down the mines.

In the half century since the end of the war, the "Bevin boys" have felt neglected. Their principal complaint is that they have never been allowed to join their ex-Service comrades in the annual veterans' parade at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

But in a letter this week to the Bevin Boys' Association, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has indicated that they may be able to take their place in future parades alongside comrades who saw active service. Mr Straw said that although it was too late for them to be included in last Sunday's ceremony, "I very



Bevin: sent conscripts into undermanned pits

sort things out to everyone's satisfaction in time for next

Phil Wood, chairman of the association, said at a reunion at the Imperial War Museum yesterday: "This is great news, and the end of a long campaign to achieve recognition more than half a century after the end of the war. In the past the Royal British Legion has steadfastly refused to ac-

knowledge our existence." The Bevin boys were created under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act of 1940, when the mining industry began to

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48,000 conscripts in the pits. Today their association has some 1,250 members.

Mr Wood, 70, a retired sales manager from Dunston, Staffordshire, spent four years in Brierley pit, south Yorkshire, and Littleton pit at Cannock. "Most of us wanted to join the forces, but we had no option. In retrospect, however, it was a great experience," he said.

Among famous old Bevin boys are Sir Jimmy Savile and the playwright Peter Shaffer. Sir Jimmy, who spent seven years down three pits, said he would welcome any recogni-tion on behalf of colleagues who felt their contribution had not been recognised.

While we were not a complaining lot, we did have very different experiences to others who were conscripted, and many feel they have been ignored," he said. "I actually enjoyed it a great deal and met some marvellous people. But I am glad that finally we may

Other Bevin boys include Paul Hamlyn, the multimillionaire publisher and Labour Party benefactor, and Sidney Parkinson, father of the Conservative Party chairman, Lord Parkinson.

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feeling of shame. Warwick Taylor, 71, of Cerne Abbas, Dorset, vice-chairman of the association, said: "I was set on joining the RAF. It came as a dreadful shock when I was told I had to go down the mines. I went to Oakdale pit in South Wales with a sinking heart and great trepidation. My mother was horrified."

One of the oldest Bevin boys is John Platts-Mills, QC, a Labour MP in the 1940s and still a barrister at the age of 91.

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worked on Winston Churchill's personal staff, he volunteered to work in the mines. 'It was a tiring experience, hewing ten tons of coal a day for 18 months," he recalled.

Ten thousand ex-service men marched down Whitehall un Sunday to lay their wreaths. Since 1990 the Royal British Legion has included a contingent of war widows. The legion admits that as more veterans die, the ranks may have to be widened to include, for example, the sons and

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Millions observe respectful silence

By TIM JONES AND KEVIN EASON

MILLIONS of people observed the two minutes sience yesterday at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Even the skies were quiet the departure of Concorde from Heathrow to New York was delayed by 45 minutes to ensure the roar of its engines would not mar the moment. At airports all activity stopped, and at train stations Railtrack made announcements inviting passengers to remember the war dead. Many boses pulled over and cut their engines for two

For the first time, all major stores joined more than 200 companies and organisations in backing the campaign for Armistice Day to be honoured

liam. In London the neon ghts in Piccadilly Circus were switched off. At the Stock Exchange the trading floor was hushed. As the nation's political leaders, led by Tony Blair, observed the moment, sen-

tries at Buckingham Palace. Windsor Castle and James's Palace stood to attention and sloped arms. At Horse Guards Parade, Life Guards "carried swords". While official pomp and

ceremony were routinely ob-served, with the Duke of York ioining submarine veterans in

MEDALS GIVEN TO MUSEUM

By MICHAEL EVANS; DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

Two of the most famous Victoria Crosses in private ownership were handed over to The Green Howards regiment last night at an Armistice Day ceremony at the Tower of London.

The VCs awarded to Private Henry Tandey, the most decorated private soldier of the First World War, and Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis, the only servicemen to win the medal on D-Day, will now reside in The Green How-

ards museum in Richmond.

North Yorkshire. Both soldiers served with the regi-

were bought at auction by Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman of Racal Electronics and a trustee of The Green Howards Normandy Memorial Trust. The Tandey VC sold for £27,000 in 1980 and the Hollis VC for £32,000 in 1982.

ment. The two medal sets

Sir Ernest had intended to bequeath the VCs to The Green Howards in his will. However, after a visit to the regimental museum, he decided they should be displayed alongside the 13 other Victoria Crosses ex-

Blyth, Northumberland: it was ordinary peopley who ers and unemployed pe stood still to record their gratitude to the war dead.

BBC television and radio programmes and ITN observed the silence and BBCl superimposed pictures of falling poppy petals over scenes of headstones, trenches and War memorials.

In France, a tribute carved in Welsh slate was unveiled in ation planted trees dedicated to those involved in the Far

Toyota became the Japanese factory to honour the remembrance tribute, allowing its assembly lines at Burnaston, Derbyshire, to be stopped. More than 50 Jananese workers joined the act of remembrance. Staff at Honda also stopped work at Ilam.

More than 100 local authorities fired marcons to mark the start and end of the silence. A defective marcon launched from Ealing town hall, West London, exploded on impact, setting fire to five parked cars and damaging



The Great Britain rugby league squad standing in tribute to the war dead in Leeds

Woman in coma allowed to die

BY FRANCES GUILL

WOMAN who lost consciousness more than three and a half years ago, after a "final" drink and drugs party left her into a persistent vegetative state, is to be allowed to

The High Court yesterday gave doctors permission to withdraw life-sustaining treatment and medical support from the 43-year-old woman, referred to as Miss L.

This unfortunate lady left the living world in its true sense on March 4, 1994," Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, said. She has never since been aware of anything which has gone on about her."

The judge had heard from Claire Johnston, for the Official Solicitor, that Miss L, a drug addict, was "an unusual, wild lady, but not a lost cause". She had almost saved herself from the ruin that her family and friends had thought would be her end,* Miss Johnston said. But at one final party her intake of heroin and alcohol caused a heart attack leading to brain damage.

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Lawnmower firm finds American grass is greener

The maker of the world's first mower and supplier to Buckingham Palace is recommending a £137m takeover. Nigel Hawkes reports

A NAME as redolent of the English summer as newly cut grass has fallen prey to an American takeover.

Ransomes of Ipswich, which manufactured the first lawnmower in 1832, has recommended shareholders to accept a bid worth £137 million from Textron, an American industrial group behind a range of products from Bell helicopters to golf carts. Often described as the

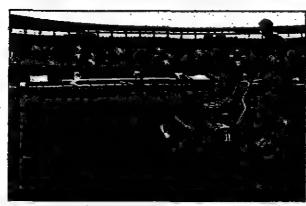
Rolls-Royce of lawnmowers, the dark green Ransome with its gently puttering engine and exposed flywheel can be seen at work in the betterheeled shires at weekends. Machines have been known to survive for decades, easily outlasting their owners. Ransome machines also tend the lawns of Buckingham Palace, the courts at Wimbledon, Twickenham rugby ground and the Old Course at St Andrews...

In recent years the com-pany has seen turbulent times, an ill-judged dash for growth in the late 1980s eaving it vulnerable. A recovery package seemed to have restored its fortunes but a dip in profits set the scene for a takeover which has been welcomed by the board.

Brian Radam, Curator of the British Lawnmower Museum in Southport, was less pleased. "We've got the best grass, and the best lawn-



Ransomes, feted as the Rolls-Royce of mowers, date from 1832. The marque is still used at Wimbledon



the Germans, Ransomes to the Americans. It's a total shame." In fact, Hayters, based in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Allens of

subsidiary will also become American, Ransomes has its roots in the Industrial Revolution. Its founder, Robert Ransome, a Norwich iron-

founder, designed an iron plough in 1783 and a selfsharpening plough in 1803. In 1832 the company made its first lawnmower, to a design by Edwin Budding. So fearful was Budding of being considered a madman that he tested his machine at night. In his patent, he stated: "Country gentlemen may find in using my machine an amusing, useful and healthy exercise."

The lawnmower business made a sluggish start, with Ransomes selling only between 70 and 80 machines a year for the next 20 years. At the time they were selling 86 different ploughs, including one designed to be pulled by an elephant. The turning point came in 1867 with the introduction of the Automaton lawnmower, which sold

In 1902 the company was the first to sell a petrol-driven mower, a 42-inch cylinder machine with a seat over the heavy roller at the rear. After a famous "mow-off" at Eator Hall. Cheshire, the seat of the Dake of Westminster, at which the Ransome machine mower made by Leyland, Edward VII ordered a demonstration at Buckingham

The classic British mower had its heyday in the 1920s. Some were almost ludicrously well-built. The true Rolls-Rovee of mowers, says Mr.



A Ransomes motor-mower at St Andrews in 1911. The company is supporting Textron's £137 million bid

by Jerome and Pearson of Leicester. If you bought one of those you would never need another, he said. The only drawback was that it cost £200, then the price of a semidetached house.

Ransomes, he conceded, "still produce one of the best awnmowers you can get". A spokesman for the company said: "We often get people ringing and saying

found an old mower of yours in his shed. They think it's but so many have survived that that simply isn't true." Peter Wilson, Ransomes'

be difficult for us to do it on our own. We think this offer gives good value to our shareholders and is encouraging for the future growth of the

Historic boat that gave pilots a sinking feeling

They rebuilt the ramp and within a few days in August 1918, Lieutenant Stuart Cully

successfully took off and shot

down a Zeppelin. Once a pilot

THERE were no happy landings for pilots on a prototype First World War aircraft carrier. They could take off, but there was no room to come down except by ditching at sea and awaiting rescue.

Now the only surviving

example of the carriers has itself been rescued from obscucity in a Thamea boatyard. and will be restored at the Fleet Air Armi Museum at Yeavilton, Somerses. The primitive floating run-

barge towed behind a destroysigned to carry sea-planes to converted to allow a Sopwith Camel to take off from the wooden deck, but there was no facility for landing after a

in 1917. The hulls were deflotation bags to stop sinking. signed so that, at high speed. The ship's crew would then the bow wave broke sideways, fish him out of the sea. It keeping aircraft wings dry. worked after a fashion, but the aircraft had to be carefully dried and serviced.

Graham Mottram, the muse-um's director, said: "Early in The lighter's role as a fight-1918, experiments with aircraft at sea were moving very fast and the idea arose of building ing platform was shortlived. By the summer of 1918, pilots a wooden deck to fly a Sopwith had proved that they could Carnel fighter. The first attake off drora a dat-decked mempt was not a success. ship. They could also land again. By the end of the war, Britain had two recognisable : Commander Charles Samson took off, but nobody had realised that the deck pointed aircraft carriers, HMS Furious and HMS Argos, "which ways were little more than a sharply uphill because of the towing angle. He stalled and was two more than any other

The surviving example has spent 65 years ferrying cargo to a boatyard at Sunbury, Surrey. The yard bought it from the Navy in the 1930s. Mr Mottram said: "The barge is in remarkably good condi-tion considering. We hope to restore the platform and display our own replica Sopwith Camel on the lighter."

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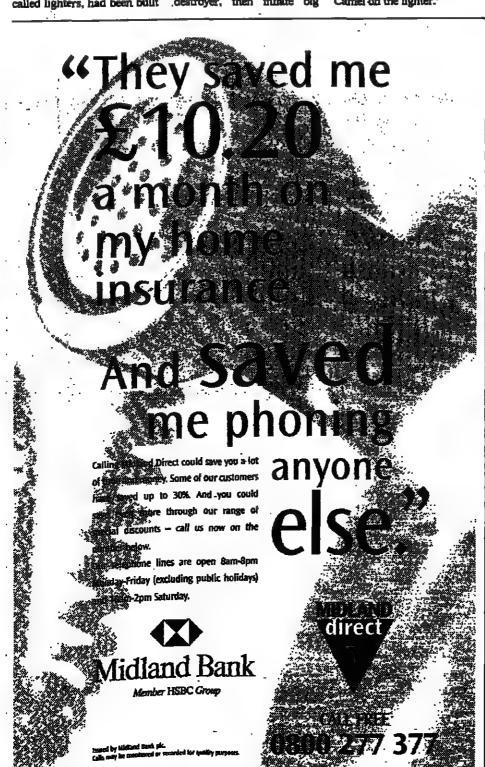
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Business leaders saw little to complain about when they

policy on the single currency, reports Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR declared yesterday that Britain must become "Europe's reformers" and that the European Union would have to be more flexible to make a single currency work. In his speech to the Confederation of British Industry. which was transmitted from

London to the organisation's conference in Birmingham via a video link, he set out a sixpoint plan to give Britain "the world's No I creative

As delegates watched his image on a giant screen, the Prime Minister gave an enthusiastic endorsement of the soon as possible to use the nomic and monetary union. have been upset in the past by

gers of joining a single curren-Britain that the project worked. He also urged busi-

euro from the day of its introduction in 1999.

cy too early, he emphasised that it was important for

Ashdown calls for cross-party force PADDY ASHDOWN urged There is a great project in hand. And I think it will business leaders yesterday to join a cross-party coalitake ten years to complete. It is nothing less than the to fight Euro-

isters were prepared to admit, and the Liberal

Democrats would be one of

the forces behind it.

The Liberal Democrat modernisation of Britain. The Liberal Democrats and leader used his speech at the CBI conference to call new Labour - working on industrialists to work with the business communtogether with his party and ity - are natural partners Labour in shaping the future of the EU. "We in that project." Mr Ashdown said he welcomed the Governchallenge those in all parties, and business too. who want to see Britain playing ment's support for joining a single currency in principle, but not its decision to its full part in Europe to work together in defeating delay entry. He said that Euroscepticism and winthe Government was likely ning the case for Britain's track faster than than minconstructive engagement in

He indicated that the Lib Dems would work even closer with Labour to create

single currency but urged his European partners to adopt more flexible labour markets to ensure the success of eco-His advice may anger his European colleagues, who his attempts to assert his role in the EU.

While warning of the dan-

pledge to its European part-ners that it would ensure a successful start to the single currency in its EU presidency. which starts in June. "Our role will be constructive and engaged. But we will also work hard to ensure that the single currency is set up on a sound footing. We must become Europe's reformers. Monetary union is a unique and ambitious project. To make it work Europe will need to demonstrate a new adaptability and

vigorously during Britain's presidency for reform of the EU budget and the common agricultural policy. "I don't want Britain to become constructive in Europe just by giving in to whatever is proposed by any other European country or the Commission. Earlier he echoed remarks

"If the economic benefits are clear and unambiguous in favour of going in, we want Britain to be part of a successful single currency. And we want business to prepare for that eventuality and make a practical reality of it, as only business can." He argued that to join EMU

too early would imply a massive monetary relaxation in Britain, which would risk setting off a short-lived inflaly the economics of boom and bust which this Government was elected to bring to an end. That is why joining this Par-liament is unrealistic." But Britain had made a

Mr Blair said he would fight

the Trade and Industry Secre-tary, that some British firms were not up to scratch and had to improve their performance. He said that a report published by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday showed that while some companies were competing effectively with the world's best, many were not.

need to redouble our efforts to match the standards set by the best companies in the world.

But he said that firms could

not raise performance unless the Government set a framework of economic policy. "I am an unrepentant long-termist. There aren't quick fixes to get economic success. Politicians who promise them are not telling the truth."

Mr Blair set out six basic principles of a "modern economic policy for Britain", which rested on one key belief.

must be the world's No 1 creative economy. We will win by brains or not at all. We will compete on enterprise and talent or fail.

The partnership I advocate is not some cosy old consensus politics. It is a hard-headed look at what Government and business need to do together to reach that goal."

The first principle was to rum a well-managed, tight economic ship, he said, as he defended the Government's England to set interest rates. "I know it's hard to have interest-rate rises and consequent pressure on the pound as we choke off inflation that was back in the system. But I believe passionately that we were right. Better to have interest-rate rises now — still at 7.25 per cent - than to go

The other principles included boosting education by en-

back to the early 90s when

they were at 15 per cent for a

able to go to university: reforming the welfare state to encourage people into jobs; stimulating enterprise and intiative through labour market flexibility; renewing the country's infrastructure and getting the best out of EU membership. Mr Blair earned a polite

and action

reception from the conference delegates, who were bemused by being addressed by a video in the speech with which they



Political image. Tony Blair presenting his plans for "the world's No I creative economy" to the CBI conference in Birmingham yesterday

Industry fears impact of degree tuition fees

THE introduction of tuition fees for higher education could damage the competitiveness of business by discouraging students from taking degree courses, the CBI said yesterday.

The employers' organisation called on the Government to raise the threshold of parental income for the payment of tuition fees from £16,000-£18,000 to £25,000. It fears that setting such a low income level will keep many

would-be students out of education because they woul not be able to afford

In a report on government spending, the CBI said: There is a real risk that numbers entering higher education will fall and this could have a detrimental impact on skill levels and on UK competitiveness."

The confederation, which has called consistently for more young people to go into higher education, said: "Given the surprisingly low rate of growth in government spending on education

education to the wider economy, there is a strong case for increased taxpayer

The call marks the first time that the organisation has set itself against government plans for tuition fees. Adair Turner, director general of the CBI, said it was important that fees "kept to a level that does not

> David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has insisted that fees will not halt the growth in

accelerate over the next decade. However, early applications for degree places in 1998 show a drop of about 10

per cent on last year. John Cridland, the CBI's head of human resources, said that people were being disadvantaged twice on education funding: by the removal of grants and by the introduction of tuition fees. The confederation was asking the Government to raise the income threshold "to protect the people that are the most vulnerable".

Teachers' claim challenged

CLAIMS of poor morale among teachers are being exaggerated, Chris Wood-head, the Chief Inspector of

Schools, said yesterday.

Delegates to the conference complained that schools were facing a crisis. Colin Glass, chief executive of Watson and Philip, said that staff faced an impossible situation: when children performed badly it

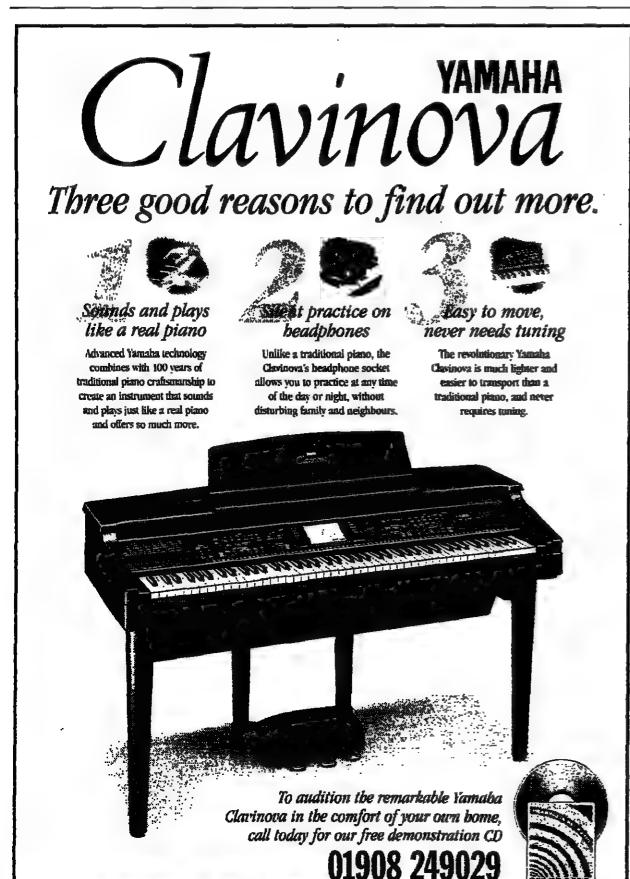
they performed well it was because examination standards were falling.

But Mr Woodhead, who has clashed continually with teachers, told the conference: "I accent that morale is a problem but I don't think it is as acute a problem as some teachers and commentators

He said that he would not tone down his criticisms, del

to worsen morale in schools Teachers had often claimed that poor performance was someone else's fault.

Nigel de Gruchy; general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said later: "I wonder if he is talking to the same teachers as we do. The whole system of management by public humiliation needs to change."





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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration last nightlaunched an investial Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had gation into reports that Iraq planned to buy five electronic decided to cancel visits to Asia warfare ndar systems from to be on hand in case of "any Eastern knrope that would give President Saddam Huskind of contingency".

Asked if UN approval would be needed to launch a military strike against Saddam, Mr Cohen said: "I think there is inherent authority under existing UN authority to carry out such strikes, should it be necessary. Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, telephoned her counterparts among members of the Security Council, including Yevgeni Primakov, the Rus-sian Foreign Minister, and

was said to have been assured of Moscow's support for a "graduated" approach to Saddam.

Since his air defence grid was destroyed by F117 Stealth jets in the early hours of the Gulf War, the Iraqi leader has been searching for a system to counter the radar-evading aircraft. In the last month, according to the Washington Times, a group of Bulgarian arms dealers has been working secretly to arrange the sale of five Tamara warfare radar systems to Baghdad for \$375 million (£223 million). An American official said last

Toxin work suspected

iraq may be continuing work on the lethal toxin Ricin, once used to kill a Bulgarian dissident on Waterloo Bridge (James Bone Writes), According to UN sources, scientific papers concerning

Ricin were discovered by inspectors during a raid in April on the university office of a scientist with links to Iraq's biological weapons centre at Al-Hakam. Baghdad claimed the papers related to its experimentation with

night that the report was being taken seriously and an investigation was under way.

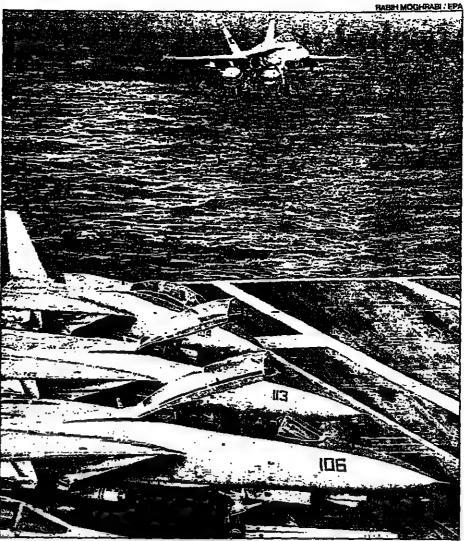
CIA officials were said to have identified General Peter Barbalov, a retired Bulgarian officer and ambassador to Iraq in the early 1990s, as the prime mover behind the deal. which has been under negotia-

tion since July.

General Barbalov, president of Inochem-SI Ltd, an arms trading company registered with the Czech Government, has maintained strong links with many of Iraq's military leaders, including General Amar Rashid, head of the Iraqi military-industrial

Although all weapons sales to Saddam's regime are banned under a UN embargo imposed at the end of the Gulf War, the radar deal was expected to circumvent sanctions by identifying the end user as a country other than

Simon Jenkins, page 22



Jet fighters on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, on high alert in the Gulf

Baghdad shrugs off sanctions threats

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

yesterday brushed aside threats of increased sanctions or American military strikes and threatened to block United Nations attempts to munitor its arms programmes unless its own demands were met.

An influential newspaper run by President Saddam Hussein's elder son, Uday. said Iraq wanted written guarantees that inspection teams would be neutral and a timetable for lifting sanctions.

"If not, it will be our right to close the file on co-operation and abandon any illusion of a solution through the UN because it is no more than an agency of the US State Department," Babel said.

Such action would step up the confrontation with the UN, which is concerned that Baghdad is exploiting the stand-off to hide equipment related to weapons of mass destruction. There have been no weapons inspections for nine days because of Iraq's ban on Americans taking part.

Secretary, said he and Gener-Americans fail to win UN consensus on military action

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN and the United States yesterlay abandoned their effort toget a clear threat of military adon against Iraq from the United Nations Security Council

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Mr Clinton sid.

Revelations of the deal came

Facing opposition from Russia, France and China, they dropped the issuing of a warning of "serious consequences" rom a draft resolution they dan to table for a vote as eary as today. The resolution vill still impose a travel ban on senior Iraqi officials an condemn Baghdad's decison to bar Americans from working as UN weapons impectors.

British diplomats emphasised that heir objective was to obtain aunanimous denunciation of Iraq by the Security Council, increasingly divided on law to ensure leave cooperation with the UN Special Commission charged with Briain had originally want-

the resolution to declare Iraq in "material breach" of its obligations under the Gulf Warreascire — a legal formula giving clear authority for a resumption of military action. Ressia France and China bjetted to the phrase, because it implicit threat of the use

of the 15-nation Security Council the draft was watered down even further with the deletion of the phrase serious

The Security Council had already issued a presidential statement last week giving a warning of "serious consequences", and the fact that the wording could not be repeated explicitly in a formal Security Council resolution signalled members' strong opposition to military action. Even the agreement of permanent members on a travel ban came only after the Security Council had issued two previous unheeded warnings.

Russia spoke out adamantly against a military strike on

another Security member, also voiced opposition. President force, and at a meeting of ive vito-bearing members appropriate".

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Biblical scholar paints new picture of an upwardly mobile Jesus



worldly goods if they hoped to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, he was born into "a relatively well off" middle-class family and lived a comfortable lifestyle, associating with the rich as well as the poor, according to a leading Jesuit

Father Ugo Vanni, lecturer in New Testament studies at the Gregorian University — which is part of the Vatican structure said he had concluded after 20 years of research that although sus undoubtedy adhered to the "principles of simplicity" he urged on others, his standard of living was "somewhere between the

A Jesuit lecturer says that Christ's life

was not so humble, Richard Owen writes

tist and the well-to-do life of the

Although Jesus's birth in a stable at Bethlehem suggested humble origins, the Holy Family were not poor. He agreed with the Roman Catholic historian, Giovanni Magnani, who recently caused a stir within the Vatican by simple carpenter" but "more like a successful builder, a polyglot, and altogether a solid and cultured cition of Gallier".

"We are not talking here about

Vanni told II Messaggero, "Jesus came from a highly cultured background. He was a professional artisan like his earthly father, Joseph." Father Vanni said the Biblical word teldon, commonly He said Joseph and Jesus would

certainly not have confined their

activities to Nazareth. "It was

probably a well-known family

In St Mark's Gospel, Jesus meets "a man of great wealth", who says he has kept all the Commandments, and asks what else he must do to win eternal life. Jesus tells him to "Go, selleverything you have, and give to .. the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Mark x, 21). He then makes his celebrated observation to the disciples that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than Kingdom of God" (Mark x, 25).

But Father Vanni said although Jesus made a point of associating with the the poor, the despised and the outcast, he was not averse to accepting dinner invitations He said the household of Martha, Mary and Lazarus in Bethany where Mary anoints Jesus's feet with costly oil and perfume, to the imitation of Judas lecariot — was clearly middle-class.

The disciples recruited by Galilee, such as St Peter, were not simple fishermen but men who ran a serious fishing business, Pather Vanni said. Jesus "did not expropriate the niches of all his followers".
He adhered to ascetic spiritual

values. "but the Gospel message does not emphasise poverty in the radical manner of John the Baptist". He said St Luke's reference to the fact that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men" (Luke ii,

52) showed he was "not a hermit. birt an open and amiable joung

Father Vanni said Jesus probably attended performances in Greek at the theatre of Seforis, a town of about 30,000 people. which was about four miles from Nazareth, and which was ecently excavated. He said Jesus some times used theatrical images, including his vivid description in St Matthew's Gospel of the "hypo-crites" who give to the neety "with a flourish of trumpets" and pray where everyone can se them Christians should "go inti a room by themselves, shut the coor and pray to their Father who is

£6bn tax deficit threatens Bonn target for EMU

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

struggling to keep on target for European economic and monetary union after a £6 bil-Although the Government quickly drew up a set of proposals to plug the gap, a cloud now hangs over Bonn's

ability to meet precisely the Maastricht goal of keeping the public deficit down to 3 per cent of gross domestic Germans will have to reck-

GERMANY was yesterday

on with yet more belt-tightening. Public spending has been capped to prevent the traditional year-end sprint to dispose of the rest of the annual budget in December. One newspaper complained: "We have already been squeezed to the limit, police patrols are ... there is nothing left to cut."

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, hopes that by rescheduling east German debts and by an interest-rate swap between government and banks, he can make up the central government budget without resorting to new borrowing. Some of the revenues from the privatisation of Telekom will also be used to close the gap.

He said that Germany

would meet the euro targets for 1997 and 1998. But economists said Germany would have problems keeping the deficit down to 3 per cent of GDP and could well end up with 3.1 per cent. This would probably not be fatal for monetary union but would be a serious embarrassment for Bonn, weakening its ability to exclude from EMU countries with lax fiscal discipline.

Speaking on BBC tele-vision's Business Breakfast, Adair Turner — director-gen-eral of the Chamber of British Industry — said of the Germans, "it is still very important that they, like everyone else, meet the criteria, so if they are significantly outside it an argument for delaying the whole project, not just for us but for the others".

Stronger than expected growth and some statistical adjustments — such as the exclusion of hospital debt may yet ensure that Germany scrapes under the euro fence. The tax shortfall, which is the result of both central and local government budgeting, does suggest, however, that there is something fundamentally amiss with Germany's public finances. Tax revenues. according to the lates, calculanext year.

Seen over a medium-term perspective, it is plain that there has been quite serious budgetary mismanagement. Two years ago the Government calculated that total tax revenues for 1997 would be around £331 billion. Yesterday's estimate for this year was close to £274 billion.

The shortfall is partly caused by stubbornly high unemployment, since the 4.4 million jobless pay no taxes. But the overall catchment area of taxpayers has been shrinking, companies have been given tax concessions (to improve Germany's international competitiveness) and top-rate taxpayers are making full use of the many legal loopholes to reduce their payments. Some of these loopholes cannot easily be closed without creating further unemployment.

The tax crisis highlights the failure of the Government and Opposition to reach a comprehensive tax reform that would unlock revenue but keep



Hillary Clinton at a welcoming ceremony in Alma Ata after arriving in Kazakhstan yesterday for a tour of the former Soviet Union. The visit aims to promote human rights, religious tolerance and economic development

Final journey for remains of Tsar's family

PROM ROBIN LODGE IN MORCEW

A SPECIAL train will set out from Moscow in the next few days and trayel 1,000 miles east over the Ural mountains to Yekaterinburg to collect the remains of Tsar Nicholas II and his family from the city where they were killed by the Bolsheviks in July 1918.

A spokesman for the General Prosecu-

accompanied by a detachment of riot police, had been due to leave Moscow last night, but had been held up for technical reasons. He said the operation to move the remains would begin within a week.

President Yeltsin ordered the remains -consisting of skulls, teeth and bones, all objections from Eduard Rossel, the Gov-

ernor of Sverdlovsk province, who has been campaigning for their final burial in the city where they died. When in Moscow they will be given a final examination by experts, including specialists from Britain and the United States, to remove any remaining doubts about their authenticity. The remains will then be returned to severely damaged by acid and fire — to be Yekaterinburg pending a final decision by brought to Moscow last week, overruling a commission on their permanent resting

European job ruling favours women

PROM CHARLE BREMNER

STATES are efficied to give preference to the recruitment and promotion of women over men in their public services, the European Court of Justice

ruled yesterday
In a decisionthat delighted womens' right groups, the court backed way from an earlier ruling that appeared to outlaw positive discrimination in the name of qual opportunities. Nations laws giving priority to woten in publicsector promotions do not con-flict with EU aw provided male candidate are not ex-cluded from conideration, the judges ruled. Fring quotas on female recruitment was, however, unlawful.

The finding sulted from the case of a teaper in North Rhine-Westphali who complained that a woman had been appointed a post for which he was quality qualified on the ground that there

Padraig Flynn EU Commissioner for Soial Affairs, welcomed the fan that the judges had recignised the need to counter feeo-rooted prejudices and steeotypes...

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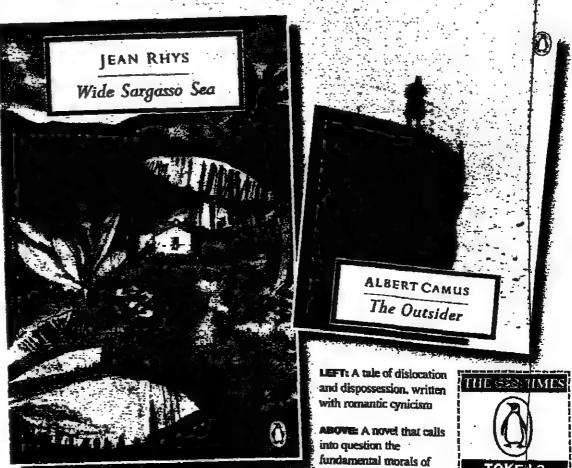
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PEOPLE gazed skywards and waved as our small aircraft circled overhead. Around them lay looded fields and devastated nomes. Camped on a ridge with whatever possessions they rad salvaged, they were safe, But should the waters rise further, they might drown

After more than a month of unusually heavy rainfall much of southern Somalia lies submerged Rivers have broken their banks, pouring muddy torrents over hundreds of square milesof land. Villages have been lestroyed, crops ruined and reads and bridges washed away. In some areas people are reported to have sought safety in trees, where they have been for nearly a week. No one knows how many have downed but the toll rises daily

"Bodies an being swept downstream by the River Jubba," said /bdul Rashid, a Somali aid vorker, in the Indian Ocean pert of Kismayo

deal, ruling out a trial that would have

laid bare studio accounts and revealed

much about how film moguls reward

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fleeing to higher ground, seeking out anthills and mango trees for salety."

An estimated 200,000 are believed to be at risk in a region more used to drought. The rains started early last month and show no sign of letting up. Problems are compounded by large numbers of crocodiles and poisonous snakes, all competing with



people have been attacked by reptiles and even hippos. With health facilities limited and little scrum for snake bites, the situation is critical.

The United Nations has appealed for millions of pounds, equipment and skilled people to help it to cope. Agostino Paganini, a UN spokesman, says unless they reach stricken areas with helicopters and boats, thousands may die.

The relief effort is hampered by Somalia's lack of a central covernment since civil war broke out in 1991. Rival clans compete for control of the shattered country, enforcing their will with a frightening array of weaponry. Kismayo is held by General Mohamed Said Morgan, a colourful warlord with a revolver hanging from his hip. His "technicals" pick-up trucks with heavycalibre machineguns driven by youths high on khat, the locally favoured narcotic roar round the town's streets while a dozen miles down the



A Somali soldier patrols by boat through the flooded town of Bardera, watched by children wading in search of missing belongings

road the fighters of Hussein Mohamed Aidid, a rival warlord, await the next skirmish. Flying north up the Jubba valley in a light aircraft sup-plied by the UN, dozens of flooded settlements could be seen yesterday. In some, only

the circular thatched roofs of

water. Floods stretch as far as

the eye can see on either side of 40,000 displaced people in the river.

Bardera is in one of Somalia's main agricultural areas, but its fields of cereals, tobacco, fruit and vegetables have been ruined. So, too, have the bakaro - underground stores for grain. The villagers' huts remain above population of Bardera has en swollen by an influx of

recent weeks.

Yesterday the first delivery of 10 tonnes of emergency food and medical supplies, as well as blankets and tarpaulins, was airlifted to the town by the UN. "People have drowned and in the town they've been crushed to death by falling buildings," said Bill Condie of

Unicel yesterday, Dozens of ming in these camps. I know camps lining the Jubba's banks are cut off by the two people who were attacked by crocodiles." floodwaters and reachable

Many vicious attacks have been reported as the terrified beasts are driven into close aiready very hungry," said Commissioner Hassan contact with people. World airlifted from Buale town after a crocodile was discovered in their compound.

Secret deal ends Disney feud

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A GAME of hicken involving millions King, and other films while head of the of dollars beween two of Hollywood's Disney feature film division. top power bokers has ended in a secret

His dispute turned personal when Michael Eisner, the Disney chairman, refused to promote him despite ten years of loyal and lucrative service at the home of Mickey Mouse and a working rela-

One of Taseltown's nastlest feuds tionship going back even further.

Mr Katzenberg, who cast himself as
the underdog facing an ungrateful Goliended sudderly and behind closed doors with a settlement of Jeffrey Katzenberg's \$250 million (£148 million) lawsuit against his old employer, the Walt Disney Conpany. The deal's terms were ath, appears to have scored a substantial victory by insisting from the start that he wanted a trial. His running battle with not disclose but sources believe the Mr Eisner reportedly reached a climax when he stormed out of a tense meeting studio may have to pay out more than last week in a Los Angeles hotel saying he would see his old boss in court. It Mr Katzeiberg, a legendary worksholic and founder of the new Dreamworks convinced Mr Eisner that his foe was studio, clains he is owed vast sums for ready to fight it out.

Mr Katzenberg left the Walt Disney

Company in 1994 after the company's president, Frank Wells, was killed in a Nevada skiing accident. Passed over for the vacant job, Mr Katzenberg founded Dreamworks with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen, the recording billionaire.

His lawsuit was based on a claim that his contract guaranteed him 2 per cent of the several billion dollars earned by Disney projects initiated under him. The stakes were raised when Michael Ovitz, briefly Mr Eisner's right-hand man, left the studio with a payoff worth \$100 million after 14 disastrous months on the

Mr Katzenberg, who re-mortgaged three homes to come up with his initial stake in Dreamworks, had reportedly said he would never settle for less than



Kaizenberg: passed

Clinton evades 'lame duck' tag

only by boat. "People are

Mohamed in Bullo Garas

camp yesterday. "Our food is

almost finished. I have seen

crocodiles and snakes swim-

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON is bartling to show that he is not yet a lame duck, in the wake of Monday's defeat in Congress over the crucial "fast-track" Bill to give him the power to negotiate foreign trade deals. Some speculated in Washington yesterday that the White House would be more likely now to take an aggressive line towards Iraq to demonstrate the Administration's ability to set the political agenda. Mr Clinton used yesterday's Veterans' Day holi-day to declare that President Saddam Hussein's refusal to admit American inspectors

was unacceptable. He also

repeated passionately his backing for Nato's eastwards expansion and for treaties to combat nuclear proliferation. Those pledges are seen as part of the White House's urgent search for ways to demonstrate its commitment to America's role in international affairs in the aftermath of Monday's setback.

The Administration denies that Mr Clinton's decision on Monday to withdraw the Bill rather than face defeat marks a turning point in his presi-dency, saying that the White House will present the Bill again in the new year. Officials point out, too, that the

ity lapsed three years ago and that the sharp divisions within the Democratic Party that have deterred him from reapplying for it are nothing new. But Congress's rebuttal comes in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to strike down moves to tighten gun control and to curb internet pornography, pledges in Mr Clinton's elec tion campaign last year. The

President's fast-track author-

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President, confounded by

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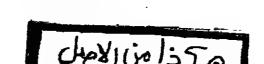
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Couple's \$2m art treasures go for \$206m



Victor and Sally Ganz, who focused their buying on high-quality work by a few blue-chip artists

James Bone on a New York couple who built up a great art collection

PERHAPS the world's greatest private collection of modern art, acquired for less than \$2 million (£1.2 million) by a New York couple who strolled the galleries on Saturday altermoons, has sold at auction

for a record \$206 million. Victor and Sally Ganz began their now legendary 115-piece collection with the purchase of Picasso's Le Rève (The Dream) in 1941 for \$7.000.

In the sale of their estate at Christie's on Monday, Picasso's portrait of his teenage mistress, Marie-Thérèse Walter, sleeping in an armchair, fetched \$48.2 million.

An intensely private couple, the Ganzes hung their collection in simple frames on the walls of their town house in Gracie Square, sometimes obscuring them with lamps or flower vases. Mr Ganz, who died in 1987, ran his family's costume jewellery business and his wife, who died in January, devoted herself to

charitable causes. Though not particularly rich by the standards of today's tycoons, they amassed one of the finest private collections of modern art by focusing their buying on highquality work by a few bluechip artists. The couple became the largest private owners of Picassos in America and acquired major works by

on Saturday shopping expeditions enberg, Frank Stella and Eva Hesse, the German-born min-

imalist sculptor. Tony Ganz, their son, said his father "had taught himself to find the toughest picture, often a picture that he did not understand initially and was not yet in love with. And pretty much without fail, those were the pictures that turned out to

be the great ones" Drawn by their reputation for connoisseurship, an esti-mated 25,000 people visited Christie's in the two weeks before the sale to view the Ganzes' collection.

On Monday, the auction house's four salerooms were crammed with 2,000 people, more than twice the normal attendance. Sixty telephones. double the usual number, were set up to accept bids and every private office was rigged with closed-circuit television for buyers seeking to watch in privacy. Many of the world's best-known collectors and dealers were in the crowd.

With the art market surging along with the soaring stock market, the sale easily exceeded its estimate of \$125 million. with the Picassos alone accounting for \$164 million. The previous record for the collection of a single private owner was the \$123.4 million fetched in 1989 by Impressionist and modern art belonging to John Dorrance, the Camp-



Christopher Burge, of Christie's, starts the bidding for Picasso's Le Rêve bought for \$7,000 in 1941 and, below, Woman in an Armchair which fetched \$48 nillion

Mr Ganz's purchase of Le Reve came at a turning point in his life. Within six months of buying the canvas, he got married and began psychoanalysis. When staying in Monte Carlo in 1948, the couple set out to meet the Golfe-Juan and befriended a

local bookseller whose shop

Picasso patronised. The next

the \$51.6 million paid at the height of the art boom in 1989 for Pierrette's Wedding. It was the fifth highest sum paid for a painting at auction.
The Ganzes took the biggest

financial risk of their collecting career when they paid \$212,500 for the 15 works in Picasso's series, Women of Algiers, painted in 1954 and 1955. Although taking after

6 It was a remarkable evening. What a tribute it was to Victor and Sally Ganz, to their extraordinary taste and extraordinary judgment ?

day they lay in wait at a café until they saw Picasso enter the store

They followed him inside and started a conversation by bought Le Rêve. The \$48.2 million paid by an anonymous for the painting at Christie's was the secondhighest auction price for a

Delacroix, the series was in fact a sneaking homage to that lover of the courtesan or odalisque, Matisse, who had died just weeks earlier.

Mr Ganz realised that he might have spent too much for the series, and sold all but five works to dealers and museums for \$138,000. Four of the five remaining canvases were

important, version O, to Libby Howe, the London dealer, for \$31.9 million. The only artist Mr Ganz can

claim to have actually discov-

ered was the sculptor Eva Hesse, who died of brain cancer in 1970 at the age of 34. The Ganzes were making their customary round of the New York galleries one Satur-day in November 1968 when

Mirs Ganz got tired feet and returned home after viewing a Francis Bacon show. Her husband went on to view Hesse's first show at the Fischbach Gallery and was entranced by her strange constructions of ber tubing. He ended up buying three of her works. Hesse's Unfinished, Untitied or Not Yet, a 1966 sculptor

of polyethylene, sand, paper and cotton string, fetched a record price at Christie's of 12.2 million. *Vinculum I* (1969) became the artist's second sold for \$1.2 million.

The only painting that did not sell was Rauschenberg's Rigger (1961) which failed to bid of \$2.4 million. "It was a remarkable evening," Christopher Burge, Christie's chair-man, said, "What a tribute it was to Victor and Sally Ganz, to their extraordinary taste and extraordinary judgment."

As the buyers dispersed, the talk of the many in the art world was of Peter Max. the pop artist whose psychedelic work made its way onto Tshirts and coffee mugs in the 1960s. At a court hearing on Monday, Max pleaded guilty to avoiding taxes on more than \$1 million in art sales by asking for cash payments or estate. Max, 60, faces a minimum four months in jail. ☐ Tax blow: London's art and

antiques trade, the second largest in the world after New York, has been hit by a 2.5 per cent value-added tax imposed by the European Union. A report commissioned by

the British Art Market Federation industry showed that artworks imports from outside the EU have fallen 40 per cent since 1994. The EU is considering doubling the tax



Fears of Cuban nuclear leak ridiculed

PROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAME

A PENTAGON plan to build a \$3 million (£1.9 million) radiation detection facility in Florida to guard against nuclear leaks from Cuba is being ridiculed by experts. Critics say the perceived danger - and the Pentagon's response — is the result of scaremongering by ill-informed Cuban-

American politicians blinded by ideologi-cal opposition to the island's Communist leadership. "There's no threat whatsoever from the Cuban nuclear pro-gramme," said Jonathan Benjamin Alvarado, an expert on Cuba's nuclear industry at the University of Georgia. He described the early-warning facility as a 'colossal waste of time and money".

Juragua nuciear power plant, le to house two Russian nuclear reactors. Located only 180 miles from the Florida Keys, its apparently flawed contraction aroused widespread fears in merica. Building was suspended in 1992 feer the collapse of the Soviet Union, but Cuba now wants to complete the project. Cuban exiles say the Juragua plant could In 1985 Cuba began work on the cause another Chemobyl-like acident.



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Brazilian gunmen grab cash on plane

ARMED robbers hijacked a twin-engined aircraft used to ferry banks cash between remote northeastern towns in Brazil yesterday, escaping with \$2 million (£1.2 million) after foiling airport guards.

The hooded gunmen drove

a cross-country vehicle through a barbed-wire fence and onto the landing strip as the plane arrived at the small strip in Jacobina, a town producing sugarcane.

People on the airport terrace saw 12 robbers wielding machineguns fire into the air to force the plane to stop. The gang then boarded, made the pilot and five-man crew lie on the runway, and loaded the cash into their vehicle. Security guards trying to stop the robbers found their

weapons no match for the machineguns, two guards being seriously hurt in an exchange of fire. The Aerostar aircraft had been on its weekly round to

move cash between rural branches of the Banco do Brasil in Bahia state. It had set off from Salvador city and planned stopovers in Jacobina and Icere. Unusually police were not

on hand to provide an armed escort. The manager of the bank's Salvador branch admitted failing to alert the local force, but gave no reason. Police believe the robbers may have been the same gang who last week stole \$4 million (£2.4 million) from a plane at Congonhas airport in São Paulo, the financial capital.





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Taxmen in India to hunt down wealthy dodgers

INDIA'S tax dodgers — which means almost everybody with a salary - have just over a month to own up and claim an amnesty. After that, the taxman will launch an unprecedented invasion into the lives of the better-off.

No more than 5 per cent of salaried private employees de-clare taxable income. The tax band starts with incomes of about £50 a month, leaving the hard-up majority with nothing to fear from the impending assault. Nor do civil servants need to worry: they have long since succumbed to taxation.

People who own a telephone, house or car, or go abroad from time to time, are legally required to file tax returns on the assumption that they earn taxable incomes. But few do so, and until now there has been almost no fear of detection. Computers are changing all of

An advertising blitz on television, aimed at persuading people to come clean, has had a modest impact, so the tax authorities are about to get nasty. They have asked cellular telephone operators for the names of people with high monthly bills. Expensive clubs are being asked for the names of members; car finance companies are being told to pro-vide the names of people with hefty loans; 25,000 co-operative housing associations have been asked to provide the

names of property owners. Official snoopers are reprieving records of sirline passengers who regularly travel first-class. People, with sub-stantial fredit card charges are being identified, and the state-run telephone company is providing details of customers who make frequent long-

distance calls. Bombay international airport is revealing the names of frequent fliers. The information will be stored in computers at 33 tax

centres nationwide. It should but doubtless will not -contain the names of politicians, most of whom are extremely rich but usually have no obvious source of substantial income.

The official salaries of politicians are generally too low to be liable for tax, but some MPs and members of state legislative assemblies live high lives from ill-gotten, un-

The amount of cash the Government can collect through income tax is limited, given that two thirds of all workers in India are engaged in agriculture and are not

Only 12 million Indians file tax returns and a mere 12,000 of them declare annual incomes of more than one million rupees (£17,200). There is obviously rampant under-assessment. The Government's voluntary income disclosure scheme, under which pest sins are forgiven, expires on December 31. Then it will be open season on the rich. There are large numbers of wealthy Indians - some clubs have membership fees of more than £15,000: 600,000 people have mobile telephones; and anybody who owns a house in the decent areas of most big cities

Landlords will be a primary target. Most of them demand the bulk of their rent in cash, with: a cheque to cover the official rent. Even Western embassies in Delhi succumb to this illegal practice, which could be embarrassing if the taxman finds out.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Algiers denies link to Paris bombings

Paris: France has called on Algeria to provide "transparent information" on the wave of bloodshed sweeping the North African country, as the Government in Algiers denied reports. that its security forces have committed atrocities to blame the killings on Muslim rebels (Ben Macintyre writes). The Observer newspaper and Le Monde, the French daily, both published claims from separate unnamed Algerian security officials alleging that bomb attacks in Paris in 1995 were the work of the Algerian secret service intent on turning French public opinion against Islamic extremists. The French Government expressed "serious reservations" about the claims and an Algerian government spokesman dismissed them as "fanciful".

Czechs march against racism

Prague: An anti-racist rally in the Czech Republic's capital last Monday has sparked a wave of similar demonstrations, with other cities joining in to protest at the weekend murder of Hussan Elamin Abdelradi, a 24-year-old Sudanese student (Emma McClune writes). So far about 10,000 citizens of Prague, Hradec Kralove, Liberec and Olomouc have demonstrated for better awareness, and more marches are expected this week. Two skinheads have been held over the student's stabbing.

Black activist sued for \$165m



New York: A lawsuit against the Rev Al Sharpton, left, the black civil rights activist, comes to court tomorrow ten years after he accused six white men of raping a black teenager, Tawana Brawley. One of the six, Steven Pagones, has brought a \$165 million (£100 million) claim against Mr Sharpton and his advisers. Accusations in the case, which became one of the most racially charged seen in New York, were declared a hoax by a grand jury in 1988. (Reuters)

Yemen seeks British links

London: President Saleh of Yemen told Tony Blair and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, that Yernen wanted a relationship with Britain as strong as Lebanon had with France (Michael Binyon writes). He said Yemen, which was told at the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh that its application for membership would be considered, wanted to boost trade, political relations and links with Britain.

Radioactive gems warning

Bangkok: Hundreds of dangerously radioactive gemstones are circulating in Asian markets and some have found their way into finished jeweilery, Bangkok gemmologists say. Tests by radioogists on semi-precious "cat's eye" stones — irradiated to change a yellow colour to a more valued chocolate hue - showed some radiation levels were more than 50 times the US safety limit and could cause health problems, including cancer. (Reuters)

Flush with filthy lucre

Villagracia de Arosa: A Galician plumber surprised the tenants villagracia de Arusai a Gancian positiva sur priscu die tenants of a six-storey building in this village near Pontevedra, northwest Spain, by flushing 10 million pesetas — about £41,420 northwest Spain, by flushing 10 million pesetas — about £41,420 normwest spans, by lavatory drain. The torn 5,000 and 10,000 notes were genuine, and police have begun inquiries. (AP)



Avishai Raviv, codenamed "Champagne", may have known of a plot to kill Rabin

Secret findings on Rabin killing fuel conspiracy theory

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

CONSPIRACY theories con-cerning the 1995 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin have reemerged after the decision by the Israeli Government of Binyamin Netanyahu to publish secret excerpts from the state inquiry into the killing. Israei television revealed that the passages, seen so far by only a handful of Israelis.

show that an agent of Shin Bet, the equivalent of MI5, urged the killer, Yigal Amir, an extreme right-wing student, to carry out the shooting at the end of a Tel Aviv peace rally.

The passages will be published today as the Knesset

mark the second anniversary by the Hebrew calendar of the fatal shooting, the first mur-der of an Israeli Prime

People who have read the text claim it raises crucial questions about the role of the 30-year-old agent, Avishai Raviv, codenamed "Cham-pagne" by his paymasters, who were themselves ultimately responsible to Rabin himself. Mr Raviv, who was

photographed yesterday in a Tel Aviv army gym. was an extreme right-wing activist recruited to infiltrate the Jewish Right. Some reports suggest that since Rabin's killing he has never been properly questioned and is being paid a salary of £1,725 a month.

Israel TV said the excerpts just released showed that Mr Raviv was a close friend of the assassin, a rightwinger who acted to sabotage the peace process with the Palestinians. The earlier unclassified findings showed Amir, now serving a life sentence, acted alone and was motivated by a burning desire to end Rabin's

land-for-peace policies.

Last week Cabinet ministers were permitted to read the secret findings despite opposition from Shin Bet, hich claimed they would prejudice national security. The television report said the classified references to "Champagne" raised ques-tions about whether he knew in advance about the plan to shoot Rabin, and even whether he drove the killer to the

Row over 'snub' for Nazi gold meeting

London: Simon Wiesenthal, the veteran Nazi-hunter, has written to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to protest against the fact that his foundation has not been invited to the London conference on Nazi gold next month (Michael Binyon writesi.

In a Jewish Spectrum Radio interview, to be broadcast today, Mr Wiesenthal accused the World Jewish Congress of trying to block his participa-tion. But Lord Janner, the former Labour MP who is president of the world congress-affiliated European Jewish Congress, said that all those invited were members of the Jewish Restitution Organisation, to which the Simon Wiesenthal Centre did not

belong.
The Foreign Office yester-day said that there were "many, many valuable organ-isations" which wunted to attend, but the Government could not invite them ail. It had consulted the Board of Deputies of British Jews to ensure that it picked the nongovernmental organisations with the best global coverage.

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Do these ads demean men?

Women are used to being portrayed as sex objects in advertisements. But now it is the turn of men. And they don't like it at all. Bill Frost reports

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ypecast for decades dustry, women have long harboured a legitimate grievance against those who present them as either bimbos or housewives.

This advertisement degrades women" stickers pasted over sexist hoardings and mountains of mail received by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) since the late Sixties have done little or nothing to alter the prevailing

culture. The ASA has kept no tally of complaints, but letters highlighting the innate sexism in the industry regularly make up the bulk of.

postbag. But times are changing. Men are tation in national advertising cam-paigns. Storylines featuring the ritual

humiliation of man at the hands of woman are becoming commonplace in campaigns aimed at selling everything from cars to clothes. Unsurprisingly, few males relish the role and "girl power" is being exploited by the industry to demean men, the ASA said vesterday.

Sales figures for products marketed on the male degradation ticket indicate that the strategy is working - so much so that women will favour the product advertised in such a way over others promoted on more traditional lines.

Lee, the jeans manufacturer, has mounted one of the most provocative campaigns this year, with nationwide hoardings showing a naked man pinned to the ground by a jeans clad female leg terminating in a stiletto heel. The derscored by a copyline read-ing: "Put the boot in."

A series of magazine adver-tisements for Wallis, the clothes chain, shows men about to be killed because they are staring at women. In one, a model is about to have his throat cut because his harber

is distracted by a pretty girl. These adverts have angered men's and women's groups alike, who condemn them as vicious. "The Lee ad in partie-

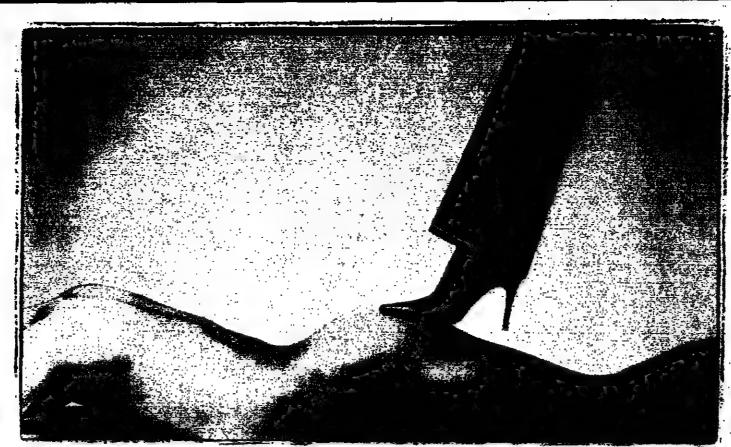
ular seems incredibly spiteful and ional Council of Women, an apoliticai pressure group, says. "It is a vicious image that puts a gloss on the serious problem of girl gangs and girl vio-lence. Such advertisements fuel the stereotype women as manipulative and spiteful,"

isation's vice-president, says. Kay Truelove, of the Grey agency, one of the copywriters responsible for the Lee cam-paign, says: I worked with a male colleague on this campaign for a male client who saw that the ad had been done in good humour.

Tobe Aleksander, the organ-

But there is a realisation behind this trend that women's roles have changed. We get married later, we achieve more at work and generally have more opportunities. There is a lot of disposable income at stake here."

Unsurprisingly, Lee is unre-pentant, too. The ad is a strong image with a selfevident sense of humour," a spokesman said. "Put the boot in' refers to the fact that the ad is for Jeans designed to be worn with boots."



Ads from the Lee, Wallis and Impulse campaigns, showing men in humiliating situations. The Advertising Standards Authority says it has received large numbers of complaints about them



The Wallis chain, whose 'Dress to Kill" campaign also features a Tube train guard about to be decapitated as he stares at a blonde model walking down the platform, described critics as "over-sensitive". Such images were never to be taken literally. Fiona Davis, the company's market-ing director, said. We researched them very carefully

and our target market sees them as humorous. The objective is to stand out, not to shock but when anything is distinctive one expects it to be a

Nissan, the carmaker, also courted controversy with its campaign to boost sales of the Micra. A poster showed a halfnaked man doubled up in pain with his hands over his geni-

tals. The caption reads: "Ask before you borrow it."

Aimed at young women, who make up 70 per cent of the car's buyers, the posters have been described in complaints to the ASA as offensive, violent and sexist. Not so, says Nissan and its ad agency TBWA Simons Palmer. "People are sophisticated enough to realise that this is advertising hyper-

halfway stage to consider

. All the same, he is de-

nounced left, right and centre

as an apologist for child

murderers. For Louise we

demanded elemency; for the

boys who killed James Bulger

In both cases there is one reality: a child's death. And

while we instinctively shrink

more from the brutal killing of

a child by his peers than at the

accidental death of one at the

hands of an incompetent car-

er, there is something discon-

certing about this. Both cases

are upsetting. Reading closely the details of the injuries

we demand no mercy.

whether it should be altered.

bole. Even men we researched it with saw the wit and humour of its comments on the nature of relationships," Philip Holliday, group account director, says.

As images of passive or humiliated males proliferate, politicians are being drawn into the controversy. A TV commercial promoting the perfume, impulse, which showed an artist's model becoming aroused under the gaze of a woman student, drew sackloads of criticism here but passed without comment abroad, where a far more explicit cut was shown. Many men found the ad distasteful even though the model's arousal was carefully disguised. Their distress was caused by his humiliation and embarrassment in front of a

class of female art students. Dr Adrian Rogers, chairman of the Conservative Family Campaign, saw nothing humorous in the commercial. Ads such as this are in very bad taste and lead to cultural

icholas Winterton. Tory MP for Macclestield, was horrified, too. "Young children are going to see this and they will be shocked. The fact that they (the perfume makers have used a naked model, and worse, that it is a male model and he is getting an erection, tells us much about the product. I find it very smulty. But Elida Gibbs, the maker

of Impulse, defended the £6.5 million campaign. A spokes-

woman said: "Women's attitudes have changed over the past 20 years: they are not naive any more."

But the more candid advertising insiders admit that the phenomenon is not so much a symptom of female liberation, more the latest shock gambit adopted by an industry which thrives on attention.

Jeff Suthons is the copywriter responsible for last year's notorious campaign to sell men's underwear with the copyline The Loin King. The ads, showing well endowed young men in their smalls. were, in his terms, a triumph.

"Sure, it was shock tactics. but the ads were meant to be fun," he says. "The first rule in this business is the same as the last - 'get yourself noticed, no matter what it takes'."



Two crimes, only Nigella one line to take

A WOMAN in Louise Woodward's home town of Eiton. Cheshire, was beaten up for refusing to wear a yellow ribbon. All along, there has been only one permissible line to take: Louise is innocent, and to be unconvinced of that is to be guilty of a vicious crime oneself. Equally, there is only one line on the two boys who killed James Bulger: they are evil, and anyone who suggests

otherwise is no less evil. The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, is to set new jail terms for these children, overturning the minimum sentence of 15 years imposed by his prede-cessor. He has given no sign that he will treat them with any less severity - once the new period has been set, he

Stunted, at least

intellectually

I HOLD no particular brief against Demi Moore, but the mere idea of having to sit through her latest film. GI Jane, would not fill me with joy. Girl joins army, beats the big boys at their own game — please, leave me alone to languish on my chaise longue rather than have to witness that.

And it's not just the liction contained

within the film that fails to interest me-

inflicted on eight-month-old Matthew makes one realise that it cannot be swept away as unfortunate rough handoing. But this does not mean

it is the meat of the publicity about the

film. Demi Moore did all those one-

armed press-ups herself, for real, nostunt people: so what? What is the appeal of forcing oneself to test one's physical endurance? It's a game for dimwits, a sign of our antiintellectual age. This is no sexist stance: men who drone on about their fitness, gym routine and physical prowess are just as ridiculous.

After all, I don't imagine the late Isaiah Berlin ever felt it necessary to impress everyone with the length of time he spent on the exercise bike.

Lawson

dling. The full picture disturbs in the same way as did that fuzzy security camera video of James being led away by the boys who would later kill him.

I have no desire to go in for the sort of distortion by sentimentality that logged our de-piction of the Woodward trial, but it hardly redeems the sanctification of the accused in the one case to go in for rabid demonisation in the other. Can we think that those (then) l0-year-old boys injured James with intent to kill, in the full knowledge of what that would mean? We might feel there was malicious intent this was a vicious act, tenyear-olds know what they are

they must be treated like hardened criminals. A child cannot be held responsible for his actions in the way that an adult can — and must be punished differently.

We have now to look at what we can do for these children. We cannot bring back James Bulger, but it does not disparage his death to try to make his killers understand what they have done and to recoverfrom it. I don't say only leniency is desirable - retribution is a necessary part of sentencing — but the bloodlust displayed by a public anxious to exonerate in one instance and to condemn in another can play no part in any respectable decision.

Sex appeal and Barbie YOU might think it strange

Barble, is swing the Danish pop group Aqua for sexualis-ing the doll in their song Barbie Girl. As everyone knows, the thing about Barbie is her disproportionately large (and pointy) bosom, her curvy shape and pouting face. She has the sort of sex appeal that little girls cannot resist and I speak as one who has a shrine to Barble (complete with wallpaper and lamp-shade) in the house and Barbie Girl on a continual loop in the cassette player. But Mattel is right in one respect: the other striking thing about Barbie is that — painted-on. come-hither gaze and breasts notwithstanding — she is about as unsexual as a doll can get, which may explain why she is such a temptation to small girls and gay men.

It's almost too late to learn Yiddish

THERE is nothing more at the whim of market forces than language. Assemble as many Académies Françaises or their equivalents as you like, call all the committees possible to foster the speaking of Welsh or Breton, and it will make no difference. People will speak the language that serves them best.

Which makes it all the more sad to hear that Yiddish is dying out as its elderly speakers pass away and young Jews, assimilated into their new countries, find they have no need to speak it. This month saw the last edition of the Israeli Yiddish monthly Israel Stimme, and although the New York Forward is still going, its Yiddish edition makes

up only a quarter of the sales.

As 1 read of the language's fading, I resolved again to learn it: as a German speaker, how difficult can it be to learn that language's creole? But as they say: "Kimm ich nicht hunt, kimm ich morgan." Whatever that means.

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Harriet Harman with husband Jack Dromey, of the TGWU

efore we got mar-ried, I came to one unshakeable understanding with my husband. The only ground for divorce, we agreed, would be if the other decided to become an MP. Neither of us would have minded being a politician. What we could not bear was to wife's new job.

be a politician's spouse. So my heart went out to Tessa Jowell and her husband, David Mills, this week. As the Minister for Public Health, she had to defend the exemption of Formula One from the ban on tobacco sponsorship of sport. Then it transpired that he had been a non-executive director of the Benetton motor racing team. The cry went up:

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Anyone who knows Ms Jowell would realise that this could not have happened to a straighter person. As soon as she was appointed, her hus-

interests to her Permanent Secretary. Because there was, at that time, no guidance for ministerial spouses, Ms Jowell wrote to the Cabinet Secretary asking for help. Mr Mills, meanwhile, gave up any direc-torships that were likely to come into conflict with his

The irony is that Ms Jowell was pressing for a policy that went against her husband's business interests - and it was Downing Street that overruled her. Unfortunately she is not allowed to admit this, as it would make the Government look divided. She insists that she completely agrees with Tony Blair's U-turn - with a self-denying steadfastness for which she will be rewarded, presumably before she reaches Heaven

But what hell it must be for In Ms Jowell's case it is sleep. Like a more famous Mr Mills. After all, husbands female politician before her, she gets up long before dawn are not used to making sacri-

ties right."

It is when priorities clash,

however, that politicians have

problems. And it is in the

nature of things that these

clashes are likely to hit women

more than men. Ms Jowell's

two children are used to their

mother working — "I don't think the children feel

undermothered for one sec-

ond," says Mr Mills. But the

demands of being a politican

and particularly a minister

- are so great that something



Marriage and the dispatch box

although they often expect the reverse. He is unusually sup-portive. "I feel very proud of her." he said when I spoke to Solid, supportive and always in the wrong. Mary Ann Sieghart on him over the summer. "1 the trials of political union would recommend any husband to be married to a successful woman provided, like Tessa, she had her priori-

to wade through her red boxes of ministerial work before the rest of the household wakes up. And Mr Mills is also a very active father: "I've always done a lot for the children and happily so." As a senior partner in a firm of solicitors, he can organise his life to suit the family, taking time off during half-terms and holidays. But even Cabinet ministers,

if they are women, are usually expected to be in charge of the home. They may be able to afford to pay someone else to do the housework, but running a household and a family requires command of endless domestic minutine.

And while most employers these days are reasonably

sympathetic about parents taking time off for a nativity play or a sick child, Westminster is miles behind the times. There is an assumption in politics that nothing takes precedence over the work, even serious illness - termi-

nally ill MPs have been brought in on trolleys to vote. Traditionally, politicians wives have accepted that, once their husbands are in power, they have to take up the slack. But it is harder for men to accept the supremacy of politics when their wives are ministers. I recall talking to Jack Dromey, national secretary of the Transport and

General Workers' Union.

years ago about being married

to Harriet Harman. He is, in general, very supportive of her. But, he said: "I see what women have had to put up with for hundreds of years, being defined through the person to whom they're married." I asked him then to imagine Harriet as a Cabinet minister. Would he be the one to race home if a child were sick? No, he could not countenance that.

With increasing numbers of two-career parents in the House of Commons, these tensions will undoubtedly build. It is not just that there are more women MPs; the men, too, are more likely to have working wives.

And some wives who have stellar careers are now taking a dim view of being expected to give them up for their hus-bands jobs. Cherie Booth has blazed a trail - continuing at the Bar, acting both on behalf of and against the Crown,

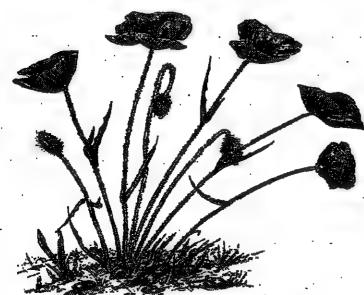


while her husband is Prime Minister. But even she may have to make sacrifices. It would be hard for her to sit as a judge when she needs to take One, even though her hustime off to accompany Mr Blair on state occasions. Beband had extricated himself sides, there are still three from Benetton.

But conflicts of priorities are children's lives to organise a different matter. Can politics really justify its unyielding insistence on disrupting fammore or less single-handed. lice Perkins manily life? Its hours and practices ages to combine her were designed for workaholic job as Deputy Director of Spending at men with wives at home. No the Treasury with being the wonder so many talented wife of the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and mother of their two children. She avoids people these days res. the

lure of Westminster.
Until the world of politics recognises that MPs are human beings, too, with partners who have lives of their own and children who need to see their parents, it will attract only those who have either superhuman sleeping patterns or unusually self-sacrificing spouses. And both, alas, are all

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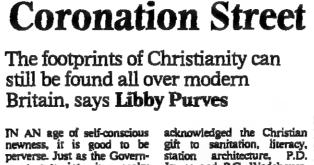


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Of churches and

ment gets into its spooky rebranding of Britain as a young country, the serendipi-tous miracle of Radio 4 scheduling means that for the next six Wednesday evenings I turn up to lob an unsanitised bucketful of history over it: the kind that you can never quite get rid of.

Mysterious Ways, starting tonight (Radio 4, 7.20pm) is a genuine oddity. Halfway between history and news, un-connected with the religious department, it traces the footprints left on secular Britain by 1,000 years of Christianity. Not just physical footprints: 28.487 parish churches and a pride of cathedrals are the least of it. The team dug out eminences and mavericks, historians and holinesses, two cardinals, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Tony Benn. We unravelled legacies beyond our wildest hopes: weird, unexpected strands of continuity over ten centuries emerged in politics, law, arts, science, education, sex, literature,

We found Bishop Odo killing with a blunt mace in the 11th century because bishops may not shed blood, and Bishop Winnington Ingram in 1915 urging soldiers to kill good Germans as well as bad. We drew direct lines from medieval church carvings to Vera Duckworth of Coronation street, from Charles Westo Britpop.

acknowledged the Christian gift to sanitation, literacy, station architecture, P.D. James and P.G. Wodehouse, and the harm Christianity sometimes did to science, social justice and sexuality. We saw it operate here as social cement, there as social gelig-nite. I decided that the British disease of romantic nostalgia, all the way to John Major's bicycling old maids, can be laid at the door of the Reformation: when landscape, loy-alties and rituals were rudely kicked to pieces, and the

nation never got over it.
We reviewed a host of dergymen: bone idle and corrupt, holy and visionary, plotters and knaves, and saints and doughty pragmatists such as the Rev Charles Kingsley, who rode the lanes with stone bottles of antiseptic mouthwash on his saddle, forcing parishioners to gargle.

FINALLY, just as we had carved the vast, unwieldy programmes into shape, the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, proved three of our points before our very eyes. First, that pre-Reformation instincts for devotion never actually went away; secondly, that huge emotions still require huge cathedrals; and thirdly, that the things we do in them - down to thumping a rock piano and loudly applauding an angry earl - are always up for change. We saw how the power of the past can surge back any time and knock the

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Home Office matters, and did

so even when Mr Straw was in

Opposition. Like David Mills,

he is an active father, and even

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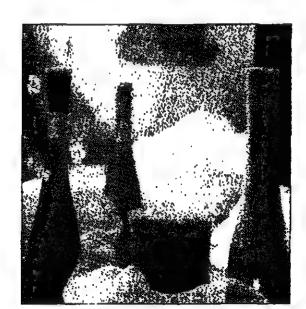
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On the fast track to depravity

Simon Barnes finds serious

flaws in Formula One racing

ow many forms of depravity can you name, in the sport of Formula One motor-racing? I'll tell you some of those that I know, some I suspect — and those I miss you'll surely

There are plenty of them. In fact, looking at Formula One today, we have a bravura display of sleight of hand. More than that: a glorious buffer supper of money corrupting, and big money corrupting absolutely. Help yourself, and don't hold back, because there's planty more because there's plenty more where that lot came from.

To start with, we have straightforward cheating. This occurred when Michael Schumacher attempted to drive Jacques Villeneuve off the track, in order to win the world championship for himself. In some ways, this is the most venial of all the sins presented to us on the buffet table. True, the manoeuvre may not have been lethal or premeditated — and killing your opponent is not acceptable even in Formula One but it was dangerous and a straightforward case of breaking the rules: and you get that in every sport, at every level.

The complication arises when we recall that Schumacher's 1997 case was frighteningly similar to what happened in 1994, when many people believe that Schumacher drove Damon Hill off the track and won the world championship — and got away with it. The message is clear: if there are no official complaints sporting administra-tion will sit on its hands and do nothing. Not surprisingly it will be seen as weak and

The next dish of depravity is less dangerous physically, but goes to the heart of the sport and is far more destructive of it. This is the collusion between racing teams to sideline a challenger or work together against a rival Formula One team. There are those who suspect the McLaren and the Williams teams of ganging up against Ferrari and would cite You-Claude finish of the same race. While Villeneuve may not be the kind of driver to let someone else win, the evidence of the Williams tapes needs some explaining. Whatever the case there are countless other examples of holding back or boxing in for reasons best known to those who manage the racing teams them-

It is the sort of thing that goes on all the time in Formula One: at least, that is the way the gossip goes. A Formula One insider must always strive to be more conspiracytheorist than thou. The intriguing thing, this time, is that we have the tapes which have provoked what should be

some probing questions. And that, inevitably, has set the conspiracy theorists theorising harder than ever. Who gave the tapes to The Times? And why? Who were they intending to discredit? Well. we know who they succeeded in discrediting: absolutely everybody, themselves included. The entire sport nothing less.

judgment, in yesterday's ab-

surd almost non-punishing sentence on Schumacher. The sport fought shy of a ban: their man will be on telly for the first race next season. That is what counts. A more self-serving judgment could hardly be imagined.

tance at this buffet of nonsense is the Labour Party which, filled with all the new-broom enthusiasm of the freshly appointed soccer boss, promised to outlaw tobacco sponsorship

But it made an exception for Formula One. This is rather like banning prostitutes, but male ones, Alas, it was then revealed that the Labour Party had been given a small pre-election gift — by their own admission as much as £1 million — by, er. Bernie Ecclestone, of Formula One.

It is hard to say what is more unpleasant. Is it the fact, brought into new and sharper focus by the latest revelations. that Formula One motor racing is prepared to take money from those wanting to persuade people to consume an addictive and lethal drug that is also dangerous to innocent bystanders? Or is it that governments should be beyond reproach and yet in this case seem to have made an exception to the rule because it had received large dollops of cash from the very organis-ation it was about to damage with a full-scale advertising

I wonder how many children actually take up smoking because of the drug's aimost symbiotic association with the lamour of Formula One? Quite a lot, i imagine - why lse would the tobacco industry bother? I am reminded, as last week, of the great Tom Lehrer, and this time of his song The Old Dope Peddler.
"He gives the kids free samples! Because he knows full well! That today's young innocent faces! Will be tomorrow's

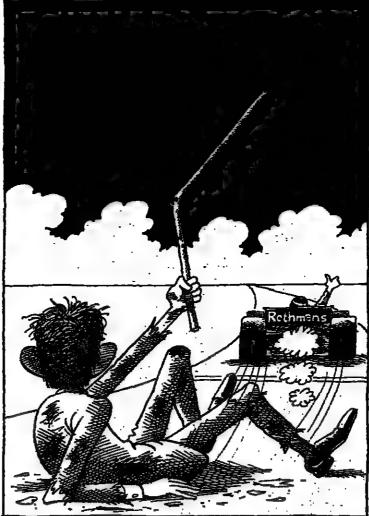
Many of these dishes of nonsense or depravity are based on one of the curious and little-acknowledged facts of Formula One. Blocking, colluding, deliberate crashing, saying "after-you" — all these take place, because Formula One motor-racing takes place on tracks where sometimes it seems all but impossible to

There is a serious design flaw: it is almost impossible for one car to overtake another. Lacking the very first and crucial element of racing, Formula One falls back on its pitstop strategies and its conspiracies. It's great soap opera, but sport it ain't. Schumacher broke the rules. Williams and McLaren look too cosy by haif. The

Labour Party has driven straight up its own exhaust pipe. Formula One is discred-ned in every possible fashion. And in being so, it simply goes from strength to strength. Formula One has still got

'em all hooked, and the scandals do not hinder it: quite the reverse. The audience grows and grows: and what else matters? To them, I mean? Pass us another gasper, old boy. My little lad's got mine.





THE CHEQUERED FLAG

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Exploding the myth

cannot believe Tony Blair means to support Bill Clinton in resuming the punitive bombing of Iraq. This week British and American forces are said to be selecting targets for such strikes, unless Saddam Hussein withdraws his opposition to American UN inspectors. It beggars belief that Labour's prophets of "moralism" can see bombing as a sensible way out of this impasse. Yet so it seems. British

aircrews may themselves carry out the bombing.

Both Mr Blair and his Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, are seasoned supporters of aerial bombardment. They jerked to attention as Tomahawks rained down on Baghdad in September of last year, when Mr Clinton was under pressure from Bob Dole for being weak on foreign policy. Mr Cook claimed that the missiles would "protect the Kurdish safe havens" — despite the CIA having just abandoned these havens to Saddam's Kurdish allies. When the bombs proved ineffective, the then Prime Minister, John Major, said they were "not as successful as

Labour backing in support for more

bombing.

What are now dubbed "CNN" raids are indefensible. They kill real people. They do little military or economic damage, but at a huge cost. Their principal boost is to the standing of American Presidents back home, and to Saddam himself. Saddam precipitated the present crisis to win precisely this outcome. The United Nations weapons inspection of Iraq is a charade, and was revealed as such by the 1995 defection of members of Saddam's family to Jordan. The inspection is chiefly a display of UN hyperactivity, but one that enables Iraq to play cat and mouse with the West. Saddam can reassert his leadership of the anti-American/Zionist crusade and convince his citizens that they should stick to him for defence. He is the great survivor. He is the Arab who faces down the might of Uncle Sam. He only needs an occasional Toma-

In 1991, 1993, 1996 and now in 1997. America has been happy to oblige. This week television networks screened the customary publicity footage showing cruise missiles as clean, precision weapons. The sight of them being unwrapped on the deck of a carrier is supposed to send

It is time the West stopped fooling itself that bombs destroy dictators

dictators quaking into submission. So says the instruction booklet. That is what Foreign Ministers, or at least

British ones, like to believe.

The Gulf War showed, to those who still needed showing, that cruise missiles may be Space Age technology but are Dark Ages war. Tomahawks are hardly more accurate than Germany's VI and V2 rockets in the Second World War. A bomb that misses by 100ft, as did most bombs that fell on Baghdad in 1990-91, more than fails. Depending on its cargo, it fragments, blasts, fries or dismembers its victims. What is obscene is that it does so sup-

posedly to stop Iraq making bombs that Aerial bombardment enrages popu-

strengthens those fend them. The six months of bombing of Iraq by American and Allied planes in 1990 utterly

failed to achieve its goal, which was to "bring Saddam to his knees" without need for a land invasion. Such was the cry of airmen from Bomber Harris to the hawks of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. All air forces claim they can "bomb" the enemy to the negotiating table or the Dark Ages, according to taste. Such empty arrogance is piously believed by politicians eager to be seen as active, yet terrified of committing ground troops to battle.

Iraq's leadership has now joined the lucky group of regimes propped up, apparently without limit, by the crassness of Western diplomacy. The economic sanctions in place against Iraq are as ineffective as the bombing. They hit the poor hardest and the rulers not at all. Far from inducing the former to rise up against the latter, they enable rulers to assert ever fiercer authority. The need for rationing and import-substitution justifies emergency measures that centralise and entrench power, Sanctions warriors love to claim that sanctions are "working", when they

are merely "biting". Any fool can impoverish a country.

Sanctions against Iraq were alleged to "work in two years", according to General Colin Powell. They never have and they never do. Yet they are more effective in sustaining dictator-ship than any other tool of foreign policy. Sanctions prolonged apart-heid in South Africa ten years beyond its normal life. The world's oldest rulers are those who have enjoyed the boon of Western sanctions: Fidel Castro, Colonel Gaddafi, Assad of Syria, Iran's ayatollahs, Milosevic, now Saddam Hussein. All were mice that roared at Uncle Sam. All were

rewarded with the Oscar of "most hated regime", and an indefinite hold on power.
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America could not leave well alone. Why postwar diplomacy's chief gift to the "long march of folly" should be sanctions and punitive bombing is a mystery. Both are known to be counterproductive. They impede trade and thus the liberalisation of political economies. The sanctions against Iraq have been grotesquely anti-humanitarian. They have been awesomely hypocritical. Why is Iraq's misbehaviour towards internal dissidents singled out for savage intervention, and not that of Syria or Israel, both of whom have committed acts of actual aggression against their

neighbours? Yet if economic sanctions are a cowardly proxy for war, bombing is a cruel one. The bombing raid is random corporal punishment. It makes a noise and looks good on television. The sight of jets screaming off the decks of carriers into the sunset, of a missile curving beautifully towards its target, of a pilot shouting "target hit", all sends a primitive thrill through a politician, as if recalling the old thrill of war. A bomb teaches 'em a lesson, makes a bang, plays well back home. It may not kill villains but at least blood is split. When a bomb carries UN markings it is also blessed, cleansed and morally armed. The statesman becomes an enforcer for world peace. This moral blindness extends to the media. As a BBC documentary showed last Saturday, the press tends to censor what happens when a bomb lands, as if it would spoil the

If this psychology is understandable, less so is its appeal to British Governments. Support for American adventurism, right or wrong, was not always unconditional. When in 1983 President Reagan invaded Grenada, mistakenly bombing to bits the mental hospital and its inmates. Margaret Thatcher was outraged. She told her friend that, no matter how bad the Grenadian regime, this was an unjustified infringement of Grenadian sovereignty. (America later bombed the centre of Panama City. killing hundreds, in an effort to arrest General Noriega.)

The Major Government was less independent-minded: It supported George Bush and .Mr Clinton in Iraqi raids blatantly timed for domestic consumption. When the Conservative Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, supported Mr Clinton's raid last year, Labour cheered him on, despite every other Nato ally distancing itself from what was widely seen as an electioneering stunt. Now Mr Blair and Mr Cook appear ready to support another such adventure, to "send Saddam a message" — a

message he eagerly wants to hear. This is not a moral foreign policy. For seven years sanctions and bomb-ing have been tried and failed. If Britain wants a proper Iraqi "policy", it should seek an end to sanctions. flood the country with trade, help to pluralise its institutions and offer scholarships to Iraqis at British universities. In other words, the policy should be the opposite of one that clearly does not work. Such a "contact strategy" would not only be humanitarian, it would almost certainly hasten the day when Saddarn Hussein is toppled by enemies better able to garner local support.

Meanwhile, we are back to the boy in the bomber. He is probably the most primitive weapon known to human conflict. Yet he is apparently the chosen delivery system of Labour's "moral" foreign policy to the Middle East. Nothing changes.

Alan Coren



■ The strange case of a combustible comestible from California

ever look a gift horse in the mouth. Look it in the bowels. In the bowels is where the Greeks lurk, waiting to debouch and sack.

A free pudding arrived this morning. I did not immediately know it was a free pudding, I did not know it was any kind of pudding, I knew only that the doorbell had trilled, and that I had signed for a small yet heavy cardboard cube which I carried into the kitchen, put on the table, and looked at. I now knew it had come from the United States. because it had 32 Elvis Presley stamps covering the whole of one flank; which in itself was arresting, since, set out as they were in painstaking phalanx, the effect the Elvises collectively silkscreened Warhoi. The person who stuck these down, ran my first thought, is no ordinary person. I lifted the box again, turned it, and now saw that it carried a US Customs declaration, identifying it as "gifted comestible bakery for personal consumption, value not more

Knowing me as you do, you will be unsurprised to learn that I spent the next minute or so wondering just how gifted this comestible bakery might be-given the limitless ingenuity of Americans, the box could well contain, say, a dozen tap-dancing bagels, or an angel cake with a PhD in quantum mechanics, or a fondant fancy which, when its glace cherry was poked, did an impression of Groucho Marx reciting the Gettysburg Address

— remote offichances. I grant
you, especially for less than ten
bucks, but, then again, the box
bore a California postmark, so

nothing was impossible. It was time either to chuck it in a bucket of water and run, or open it. Not the easiest of choices a gifted West Coast comestible carried by 32 obsessively arranged Elvises gives off a sharp psychopathic whiff — but I am not young, it has been a full life, my affeirs are in order, and the daily was using the bucket, sp I removed the wrapping paper, and prised

Nothing went bang. Inside, there was a lot of bubble wrap, and inside that there was a lot of tinfoil, and inside that there was something not, indeed, unlike a bomb: the sort of bomb you find in animated cartoons, round. black, shiny, and with a curly thing poking out of the top; in this instance holly. It smelt of brandy. It was a Christmas

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pudding.
It had a card for me. The card had holly on it, too, and robins, and silver bells, and a dark brown stain indicating that a long, boring flight In such tantalising proximity to booze had got the better of the card. A pity, because when I plucked the card out to discover who my distant benefactor was, all I discovered was that his/her writing had been illegibilised by the pudding's stain. Worst of all, there was no way of telling whether the card had ever carried a name or address. I say worst of all not because it meant that I could not write to thank my benefactor, it meant that, if he/she had withheld the name or address, how could I be sure that the pudding had not been sent by a distant malefac-

There are a lot of very peculiar characters over there, mooching the Pacific shoreline and jabbering to themselves; they follow strange gods, they imbibe strange substances, they do strange things, often serially. In a culture whose legally appointed guardians once sent exploding cigars to Fidel Castro, who could with any confidence say that some unofficial crackpot, some lunatic sect, had not decided to express its contempt for Christmas by filling the mails with poisoned

I know six people in Califor-nia. I phoned them all, even though I had not seen them in 20 years, and asked. I have little doubt that all six subsequently hung up thanking their lucky stars that, however wacky California might be, it wasn't as wacky as England. What do I do now? I do not want to bin what might be a delicious treat from someone who loves me, but nor do I want, on Christmas Day, to walk into my dining room with a flaming item designed to snuff the lot of us out.

Have I, that is, been sent a Trojan pudding? When dotty old Ezra Pound foresaw "new Troys that tumble, sizzling", was he perhaps thinking of Cricklewood? With crazy Americans, you can never be sure.

Hats off

HOW ungailant. And cowardly. Cuddly Ann Widdecombe, who so delicately destroyed Michael Howard's political career, was to record a books programme with Roy Hattersley today. But when the former deputy Labour leader heard that the erstwhile Prisons Minister was about to park her tank on his lawn, he threatened to flounce out. He now earns an ample crust with the pen and had been invited to appear on Booktalk, presented by Sir Robin Day, a Saturday evening show on the BBC's disastrous News 24. The subject: Hattersley's new book - Fifty Years On: A prejudiced history of

Britain since the war.
Unfortunately for Miss W. who was to dissect the book, she is one of his prejudices. When Hatters heard, he phoned producers threatening not to appear "if she is coming on". At the last minute, Widdecombe — who gave up her weekend to read the waffly tome was told that she was not welcome. The producers, feebly, caved in. "Mr Hattersley was not madly keen to appear with Ann Widdecombe," says an irritable BBC type. "He says he didn't want it to turn into a political debate. which was awkward for us because we like Ann." As do I.

Howard's way

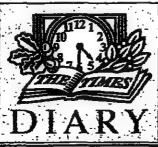
LUXURIATING in the title of Shadow Foreign Secretary appears not to be enough to satisfy Howard's intellect, or, perhaps, his prospect of the new jobs. Howard



monetary ambitions. He is, I hear, considering a rather more lucrative sideline to trawling through the Amsterdam treaty by accepting

two plum City jobs. He will see the benefit of his tenure at the DTI, where he steered through radical deregulation in the City. The former QC's grasp of the financial services industry has not

been forgotten by top City firms. Howard's wife, a former model named Sandra, is excited by the



wage and is loath to return to the Bar, so could do with a cash boost. His parties in Chelsea are good but probably expensive.

Howard had made a million before entering Parliament, but as Home Secretary had little chance to make real money. It is unusual for Shadows to accept alternative income. Still, Labour is hardly in a position to make hay . . .

 BARROWBOY humour still flourishes in the City. With Labour's motor racing scandal in mind, traders have a new name for a million pounds: a Bernie.

Has bean

COFFEE is the latest victim of Clare Short's political correctness. She is to force MPs to drink "humanely produced coffee, in a rath-

er watery attempt to revive her once proud "moral" commitment to Third World parts.

From today, the House canteen will stop serving coffee that does not contain Tiki Caffe. And with 2,500 cups served daily at the Commons, that is a lot of right-on beans. Not all MPs are thirsting for the stuff. "It is unhelpful for the Government to enter into gimmicks rather than a substantive foreign policy," thunders one Gary Streeter, Shadow Foreign Affairs spokesman. "I am happy to drink my coffee wherever it comes from."

HOPEFUL cutting pinned up in



the new study of the Labour MP Stephen Pound: "Blair rattled by Pound's strength."

Syked up

HE MAY be unloved by the CBI, but William Hague has acquired himself a new, and unexpected, business friend: Paul Sykes, a fellow Yorkshireman, and more importantly, a millionaire it was Sykes who supported Eurosceptic Tories at the election before transferring his money, er, to support the Referendum Movement.

At an otherwise dreary business conference in Harrogate last week, Hague spotted the moneyed Europhobe in the audience. A private meeting was promptly arranged. Promises of an ever firmer line on EMU to bring him back on board? Sykes isn't saying. "Mr Sykes will not be talking about this until a week on Wednesday," says one of his bean counters. The Tory party bank manager awaits ...

● AFTER forks, legs. Uri Geller, who acquired a name of sorts in the Seventies for bending cutlery. has been lending his unique skills athon runner, to improve her strides. The Israeli psychic first change their lives. All you need is laid his hands on the League to tap into it." Just so. Against Cruel Sports campaigner last April, when she was preparing



for the annual race in London. She covered the 26 miles in a commendable four hours and ten minutes: With Geller's help, Steward went better earlier this month in New York, finishing in three hours and 54 minutes. "He put his hands on my legs," quivered the runner. "He has enormous energy to Ruth Steward, an amateur mar-. in his hands and transferred it to me. Everyone has the energy to to tap into it." Just so.

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THE TIMES

A PRICE ON POLITICS

There are no easy answers to party funding

The Labour Party spent most of yesterday engaged in damage limitation. The substantial political contribution received from Bernie Ecclestone has become a serious embarrassment. The Formula One chief had originally denied any financial relationship with the party. The Times then revealed that he had paid first the Tories and then New Labour. The size of his bequest was initially minimised by party sources — at more than £5000. Yesterday The Times assessed it at £1.5 million. We are now told that the sum was £I million. A final and formal figure of has not yet been given. It was certainly an extremely significant sum.

The first reaction of many in the Labour Party has been to blame the system rather than their own scruples. David Blunkett expressed his view, sincerely held no doubt, that public life would be more pleasant and much cleaner if the taxpayer rather than affluent individuals, corporations, or trade unions paid for the political process. He also accepted that this ambition was unlikely to be realised. Others hope that Sir Patrick Neill's committee will recommend state funding and prove their salvation. Downing Street has suggested that the Ecclestone affair has discredited the status quo. If only paying for politics was so simple.

For over a century there has been state subsidy for political parties. Election lit-erature is delivered free. Television time is reserved at no cost. Since the 1970s the Leader of the Opposition has received a sum

- "Short money" - to cover in part the expense of his or her parliamentary offices. Apart from that, the consistent principle has been that public benefaction should be in the form of in-kind contributions. The notion of awarding lump sums to support pure partisan campaigning has been alien.

There is much that is wrong with state funding in principle. But the practical problems are no less troublesome. Should parties be permitted to receive revenue only from the taxpayer? If so, what would be their incentive to seek a mass membership? Power might then move back towards the activists, an effect precisely the opposite of

what Mr Blair has achieved with his party. If the politicians were permitted to raise bounty from other sources then it is unclear how the introduction of state funding would help stop problems such as those from Mr Ecclestone. Who should decide how much each party received and upon what formula? Should controls be placed on how the leadership dispensed of their largesse? The complications are intense and endless.

This issue could be addressed from a different direction. There is convincing evidence that the financial support now offered to the Leader of the Opposition is inadequate. That shortfall has led to the quest for extra cash and the need for wealthy sympathisers. Neil Kinnock found himself in Robert Maxwell's debt to his discomfort. Mr Blair's attempt to avoid such links through a blind trust has also failed to win support. It would be in the public interest to provide a larger parliamentary allowance.

Any wider addition to state support would be contentious. The taxpayer may well not want to finance election campaigns as well as live through them. It might be more effective to oblige parties to offer full and extremely prompt disclosure of major do-nors and the size of their donation. If Mr Ecclestone's generous gift had been a matter of record, it is doubtful whether this unfortunate affair would have proceeded in the same manner.

As the Prime Minister must realise,an open approach is far better than smokefilled rooms in Downing Street. It now falls to Sir Patrick Neill to construct a practical system of party finance that also commands credibility. It is unlikely that state funding in itself will prove a satisfactory solution.

FAST TRACK FAILURE

An enfeebled President must rescue his free trade agenda

If it looks like a duck, talks like a duck, and walks like a duck then it is a duck. If it hobbles horrendously then it is a lame duck. A mere 12 months after his triumphant reelection, President Clinton's authority at home has been severely shaken. His failure to persuade Congress that he should be awarded "fast track" authority for future trade negotiations will have implications that extend well beyond this important issue itself. After this loss, his ability even to initiate domestic issues of substance rather than symbolism appears doubtful.

Despite intense personal lobbying, Mr Clinton was obliged to ask the House of Representatives to withdraw his own request, for renewed powers on trade questions. That was humiliating in itself. The source of the President's discomfort was not the Republican Party, his opponents, who command a majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Three quarters of Republicans were poised to assent. Mr Clinton was instead abandoned by his own Democratic party.

That nearly four fifths of Democrats decided to support the protectionist position preferred by the American trade union movement to that of their own President is extraordinary. The Democratic Party under Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy was a fundamental force for free trade in the postwar era. That commitment was central to stable democracy and economic prosperity in those decades. It has also been an important element in the current strength of the American economy.

This is a shameful turn of events. An ambitious set of prospective trade agreements has been placed in peril. The swift expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement to include Chile - a logical move - seems now unlikely. The plan for a free trade arrangement encompassing the Americas has been endangered. A similar enterprise for the Asia-Pacific Economic Community is threatened. Some of these propositions resembled regional blocs rather than genuine global free trade. Although American interests will be damaged, their demise would not be so unfortunate from an outside perspective.

A much more powerful impact will be felt in agriculture. The World Trade Organisation had been scheduled to start new talks in 1999 on radically reducing farm subsidies. If the American Administration is not fully involved these discussions will make minimal progress. That means the European Union's common agricultural policy will continue to resist meaningful reform. Many of the world's poor will remain needlessly hungry. A political defeat for Mr Clinton will be a personal disaster for others.

The President must pick up the pieces of his policy. There has been brave talk about this legislation returning and passing. That is possible but problematic. If Democrats in Congress were unwilling to resist blackmail from trade unions 12 months ahead of the mid-term elections they are unlikely to become more independent as the polis approach. There might be another opportunity in the first few months of 1999 - but only if the Republicans make a significant advance and if Vice-President Gore commits himself to the cause. It would be unwise to operate on the assumption that both conditions can be satisfied.

The President should now work within the structure of the World Trade Organisation. This is the only arena - and the best one for advancing a free trade agenda. His decision to ask for a mandate not linked to a specific trade treaty probably enhanced congressional opposition. He needs to present concrete proposals in future. The danger is that Mr Clinton will be inclined to abandon the field of battle. That would be a mistake felt long after his presidency.

CULTURE AT A PRICE

Minimum 'voluntary' donations could save museums

In an ideal world, all public museums might be free. But the world, as Labour has quickly discovered, is far from ideal. A party that suggested only four months ago that free access to the nation's great museums and galleries should be preserved is regretting its extravagance. Now the talk is of the need to raise money from other sources.

- Before the laments begin, however, it is worth revisiting the basic principles. Museums should be free because they serve a public good (that of widening people's tultural horizons) and are already funded by the taxpayer. Yet the same could be said of public transport: it serves the public good by reducing pollution and congestion, and it wins money from the Treasury. Yet still passengers are expected to pay.

Public transport offers few concessions to the poor. But a flexible system of museum charging could be better than free access in meeting Labour's concerns about fairness. A report published yesterday by the Museums and Galleries Commission (MGC) found that the so-called "ABCIS" were 15 times more likely than the average citizen to have visited a museum or gallery within the past year. So, in the free museums, the average taxpayer is subsidising the affluent.

The fear is that charges would deter people from visiting museums at all. The

evidence, however, is not conclusive. Yesterday's report found that, while attendance at some galleries had dropped after charges were introduced, in others it had risen, mainly because the museums paid more attention to satisfying their paying guests.

Any system of charging has to be flexible if the poor are not to be excluded from the nation's culture. Free entry can be offered to the unemployed, to pensioners and to children. Charging institutions can open for free on Sundays or in the late afternoons. Season tickets can be available so that people are not deterred from making repeat visits.

Perhaps the best option is to solicit a minimum "voluntary" donation, which can be waived for those who genuinely cannot afford it. This finds support from 71 per cent of adults questioned by the MGC. Moral suasion is seen to be more civilised than compulsion, and fits better with the ethos of the museums themselves.

In these times, museums badly need money. Even if they win lottery funding, they have to match the amounts from the private sector. With thousands of applicants chasing the same corporate donors, the business pool is drying up. Far better to take small sums from a large number of visitors - the very people who enjoy the museum in the first place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory divide and the quest for a leading role in Europe

From Mr Bruce Anderson

Sir. When Matthew Parris made his maiden speech as an MP he referred to the lyre of Orpheus. He has been playing it ever since, and his column of November 7, "A siesta at High Noon", was characteristically mellifluous and seductive. But there were flaws in the argument.

He began by comparing Europe now and Rhodesia in 1979. In those days Tory backbenchers made trouble for the leadership over Rhodesia, just as they do now over Europe - argued Matthew - but Margaret Thatcher responded more wisely than William Hague has. She refused to be drawn into a debate on principles, and in a few months the party's temperature returned to normal.

But Europe is not Rhodesia. Though abandoning Rhodesia should have cost Britain more in self-esteem than was actually lost, it did not affect the way we were governed. Europe

Matthew recommends that the Tory party should simply go to sleep for two years; it would then re-awake calm and clear-sighted. But while there is everything to be said against hyperactive Oppositions, some ques-tions are so fundamental that they have to be resolved. John Major did his unermost to take Matthew's advice, with the "wait and see" stance on the single currency. It did not work then; it could not work now.

There is only one way that Mr Hague could lead his party effectively: on a basis of moderate Euroscepticism and committed anti-federalism. If that means parting from some Tory MPs who would rather lose the next election than safeguard the pound, it is better to do so now than in the first few days of a general election cam-

If the Tory party went to sleep for two years, it would not wake up refreshed. It would wake up to a renewed niehtmare.

Yours faithfully, BRUCE ANDERSON. 56 Doughty Street, WCI.

From Mrs Virginia Bottomiey, MP for South West Surrey (Conservative)

Sir. In tomorrow's Commons debate on the Amsterdam treaty the Conservarive Party will be correct to vote against the Government. It would be intellectually honest for government Members to join us.

On October 27 the Chancellor explained to the House the economic tests "that define whether a clear and unambiguous case can be made" to join a single currency. The same tests can and should be applied directly to the social chapter and linked Labour

The national interest will be harmed by each anti-competitive measure, particularly the minimum wage, imposed works councils, positive discrimination, working-time regulations, transfer of undertakings regulations and changing the onus of proof

in industrial legislation. Professor Patrick Minford of the University of Liverpool recently calculated that the reduction to the GDP of the United Kingdom, if the social chapter as further developed were fully implemented here, could be as much as 20 per cent. Is the Government's true intention to give us disadvantages chosen by others?

There could be no greater damage

to the competitive advantages that the UK now enjoys in attracting investment than to impose the regulations and central controls of the social chapter that the rest of the world seeks to avoid by investing in the UK.

Financial services are among the most liberated and market-orientated sectors of the UK economy. We have long led Europe and the world. The responsive and innovative characteristics of this industry would be damaged by imposition of inappropriate labour regulations restraining the long and unusual hours, the hard work and the international mobility which are central to its success.

A senior member of the Government, the Deputy Prime Minister, confessed candidly in 1992 that the minimum wage must lead to reducing or not taking on staff. Employers' costs will be driven up and there will be disincentives to continue the present levels of part-time employment, welcomed by many with family responsibilities

The new Government's approach fails the Chancellor's five economic tests. The Conservative Party is right to oppose it. To follow its own logic, the Government ought to do so too.

Yours faithfully, VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY (Member, Foreign Affairs Select Committee), House of Commons. November il.

From Mr Adrian Cosker

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (Love Europe, but loathe the euro", November 4) argues that, contrary to the current parisan terms of debate about EMU, it should be possible to be both a Europhile and an EMU-sceptic. This argument could be taken a

stage further, for if EMU, as seems perfectly possible, is mishandled in the same sort of way as monetary union in Germany was botched, and creates, as happened in East Germany, areas of massive unemployment and economic dereliction, then the results for the European Union could be disastrous.

Tensions and animosity between the "winning" and "losing" countries would be ripe for exploitation by nationalist politicians trying to stoke up anti-European sentiment, undoing the progress of the last 40 years. True Europhiles in fact ought to be

Yours etc, ADRIAN COSKER (Head of Economics), The Knights Templar School, Park Street. Baldock, Hertfordshire. November 4.

From Lord Alport

Sir. Having been a dedicated Commonwealth man for all my active political life, I realise that Great Britain's role is now to be a major power in Europe. It is a role which, our having lost an empire, can enable us to exert an influence on the world's stage with honour to our country and benefit, not only to our neighbours in Europe, but

to the nations of the five continents.
"Splendid isolation", which appealed to so many people in the early years of this century, is simply now an illusion, as it proved to be then. That is the policy of the Tory Eurosceptics and their sympathisers in other par-

Without Britain in Europe our con tinent would be dominated by Germany. It is now time to put aside the prejudices of some narrow nationalism and regain for our country a role in Europe and thus in the world, different from but perhaps no less important than the one we achieved during the two centuries of Empire and Commonwealth.

l am your obedient servant, The Cross House, Layer-de-la-Haye, Colchester, Essex. November 7.

From Mr John Howlett

Sir, I much enjoyed Matthew Parris's article of November 7, but cannot accept his advice to "Go to bed. Get some sleep". The poor chap obviously finds the sound of adults arguing loudly rather alarming and wants to pull the covers over his head.

Politics is about the collision of ideas and opinions, not their avoidance. We have been getting too much sleep, not too little.

As Sir James Goldsmith graphically put it, we have been sleepwalking into Europe. If we go back to sleep again we will wake up to find ourselves imprisoned in Chancellor Kohl's megastate, with no prospect of

Secretary of State for Culture that he

has brought the matter of the future

cated to the arts than alternative uses.

Yours faithfully. JOHN HOWLETT. 3 West Street.
Isleham, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Woodward verdict

From Dr Mary Selby

Sir, Thank you to Libby Purves for writing the sanest piece I have seen on the Louise Woodward case ("Soap opera justice", November II). I understand that Louise is currently being of-fered money for her "story" by some newspapers. But isn't there a code of practice preventing convicted criminals from doing just that? My under-standing of the US judicial system is that she is still convicted, albeit on a lesser charge.
As for the vilification in some quar-

ters of the press of the bereaved parents - let anyone who has never left their child in the care of someone else, even for a moment, condemn them, and let the rest shut up.

Yours sincerely. MARY SELBY Hall Green Cottage, Great Wratting, Haverhill, Suffolk. November 11.

From Mr Peter Inglis

Sir, As someone involved in child protection work for many years, I feel that if the British people are sincere in their wish for justice they should focus on the real issue. A child, totally dependent on adults for his care, died as a result of injuries he could not possibly have inflicted on himself.

Yours faithfully. PETER INGLIS. Pinch Cottage, Newgale, Pembrokeshire. November 11.

Missed target From Mr David T. Bradley

Sir. The photograph accompanying your report "Police discover Russian tanks in Liverpool" (November 7) in fact shows Second World War vehicles of US manufacture. The vehicles nearest the camera are

M-18 Hellcat tank destroyers. Others in the photo appear to be M-36 destroyers and possibly at least one M-4 Sherman tank The only connection these vehicles

have with the Russian T-55 is that in the course of their service with the Yugoslav Army many had their ori-ginal US engines replaced with those Yours faithfully

DAVID BRADLEY, 20 South Drive, Brentwood, Essex. November 7.

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Opera funding

From Professor Sir Alan Peacock

me to write an article ("Pruning the Garden", March 14, 1987) on the problems of financing Covent Garden. I suggested in it that an artistic enterprise which benefits the well-off in the most affluent part of the United Kingdom could hardly expect privileged treatment in the allocation of public funds and that it should rely on its own considerable efforts to seek private funding.

I expected that this suggestion might initiate a sensible discussion about an important public issue, I was wrong, however. Clearly those of us from the lesser breeds outwith the metropolis had no business to question the inalienable right of the "national" companies to the top slice of govern-ment cultural funding. The English regions were expected to be content with the crumbs from the rich man's cake

It is therefore all to the credit of the

funding of opera to a head (letters, November 6 and 8). It has to be de-Sir, Ten years ago you commissioned monstrated beyond doubt that public funding of opera represents a more efficient and effective use of money allo-

> But this requires a more detailed statement of policy aims than that so far pronounced by Mr Smith. If it is really believed that non-operagoers benefit from the international prestige of a company producing largely foreign operas with a modicum of British artistic input, then perhans Mr Smith should be seeking a bite from the Foreign Office vote, us-

ing the BBC Overseas Service as a Yours sincerely. ALAN PEACOCK (Chairman, Scottish Arts Council, and member, Arts Council of Great Britain, 1986-92). 146/4 Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh.

Animal testing

From Dr Gill Langley

Sir. While the new ban on testing cosmetic products on animals (report. November 7) may save only 250 animals a year, other aspects of the Government's announcement will have a very significant impact on animal suffering. In particular, there will be changes

in the methods of producing monoclonal antibodies. These antibodies are widely used in medical diagnosis. research and testing. Their production causes pain and distress to thousands of mice, rats and rabbits who are used as living test-tubes. In future these animal procedures will be re-

a year will be saved from painful experimentation. It is because organisations such as

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the Dr Hadwen Trust have worked for many years to help develop alternatives to animal experiments that so many animals lives have already been saved. With the Government's announcement, the future for laboratory animals is beginning to look rosier.

placed by real test-tubes containing

cell cultures, and up to 20,000 animals

Yours sincerely, **GILL LANGLEY** (Scientific adviser), Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Research. 22 Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. November 7.

School library service From the Chairman of the

School Library Association

Sir, School library services are provided by 86 per cent of local education authorities in England and Wales. They supply invaluable and cost-effective book loans to schools, supporting the full breadth of educational aspiration as well as statutory curriculum requirements. Through qualified library staff schools have access to tailored expertise and advice in support of their own school library estab-

Mrs P. A. Miller (letter, November 4) is rightly concerned about the proposed closure of 30 public libraries in Oxfordshire. In addition, the school library service of that authority closed at the end of March this year.

Public libraries do a superb job and are ever eager to assist, but they cannot serve the particular needs of children in schools with anything like the quality of provision of the specialist library sector. However, it now appears that in parts of Oxfordshire schools are to be denied even that provision which they have had to fall back on following the earlier closure.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS BROWN, Chairman, The School Library Association, Liden Library, Barrington Close, Liden, Swindon, Wiltshire. November 5.

New lottery game and charity funds

From the Chief Executive of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and others

Sir, As representatives of some of the UK's principal charities we strongly urge the Government not to take precipitate action against Pronto!, a new, computerised lottery scheduled to be launched on November 27 treport, November 6). This new fundraising mechanism could raise up to £100 million per year for charities - approximately half the amount donated to the voluntary sector by L'K corporations, excluding Camelot.

The Home Office has consistently declared, during recent months, that it intended to consult all interested parties on the issues raised by the introduction of "online" lotteries into public houses. Today on Radio 4 George Howarth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, confirmed that he was no longer minded to consult and that an announcement will be made shortly.

Any move to halt Pronto! would represent a serious setback for charities which are already suffering from a 20 per cent fall in charitable giving, in real terms, since the introduction of the National Lottery. A consultation process would afford charitable organisations the opportunity to air their desperate need for new sources of revenue, particularly in the wake of the sharp decline in scratchcard sales which have to compete with the National Lottery's "Instants" product.

We therefore urge the Government to stand by its original commitment. Yours faithfully, ROSIE BARNES, Chief Executive, Cystic Fibrosis Trust,

RICHARD BATEY, Appeals Director, The Rainbow Trust, BERT MASSIE, SIAN MEXSOM. Appeals Manager, Counsel and Care, DEBORAH OXLEY. Executive Director, Children in Crisis, DAVID SCOTT-RALPHS. Director of Fundraising, Mencap

Il London Road, Bromley, Kent.

November II. From Miss Claire Ward,

Cystic Fibrosis Trust,

MP for Watford (Labour) Sir, Assertions that charities will be "deprived of up to £100 million per year" (report, November 6) if, as I hope, the Government bans the introduction of rapid-draw lottery games, are disingenuous.

Lord Mancroft's Pronto! game is a lottery for prizes of allegedly up to E100,000 conducted at ten-minute intervals in pubs. It is exactly the sort of game - based on the American Keno - which has alarmed social workers and others concerned with problems of addictive gambling in the US and

Given that only 20 per cent at best of the proposed game's take is likely to go to charities - Camelot's National Lottery (based in my constituency) pays out twice as much to good causes and in tax — it would be necessary for Pronto! to generate an annual turnover of £500 million (which is now more than the total football pools sales in a year) to deliver £100 million for

The social cost of linking alcohol, drinking and gambling would far out-weigh the alleged benefits, and I am looking forward to the Home Secretary's announcement that Keno, Pronto!, or similar rapid-draw games (no matter which organisation promotes them) will not ever be permitted in

Yours faithfully, CLAIRE M. WARD. House of Commons. November 7.

Truth and half-truth

From Mr Negley Boyd Harte

Sir, I see in your Diary today you des-cribe my brother Glynn Boyd Harte as a "Scottish watercolourist". Thereare a number of nouns that could describe him and watercolourist is certainly one of them; but of the many adjectives that could be applied. Scottish is not one. He, like me, is a Lancastrian in heavy metropolitan disguise. It is true we have a Scottish great-grandmother, but that is surely not enough.

I write to correct this point while Glynn is in France for half-term. I am still at my desk in the history department at University College London trying to deal with all your readers agitated about Joseph Crabtree studies (report, October 27; letter, November 3) which does not enable me to get away for reading week.

Yours faithfully, N. B. HARTE (Secretary). The Crabtree Foundation, University College London, Department of History, Gower Street, WC1. ucranbh@uclac.uk

Scientific spin

November 3.

From Mr Patrick Green

political discovery?

Sir, You report (November 7) that spinning black holes (or other matter) can distort time and space. Is this a coincidence of scientific and

I remain, Sir, yours, PATRICK GREEN, 2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4. November 10.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November II: His Excellency Mr Rahardjo Jamtomo was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambas-sador from the Republic of Indonesia to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Darusiswani Rahardjo was also received by Her Majesty. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-

was present. Admiral Sir John Brigstocke was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command.

The Very Reverend the Dean of Vestminster was received by Her Majesty.
The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh this afternoon visited Shell Centre, Waterloo, London SEI, to mark the centenary of the "Shell" Transport and Trading Company and were received by the Chairman (Mr Mark Moody-Stuart) and the Mayor of Lambeth (Councillor Nicholas Cattermole). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the centenary exhibition and met employees and other guests.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palac for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, and The Duke of Kent were present. The Duke of Edinburgh, Presi-

dent, this afternoon attended a Luncheon to launch the National Playing Fields Association Millenriaying Pietes Association Miner-nium Appeal at St James's Palace. Mrs Christian Adams has su-ceeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November II: The Duke of York this morning met members of the Submarine Old Comrades Association at the Civic Centre, Renwick Road, Blyth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley KG).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited Blyth Spartans Football Club, Croft Park, Plessey Road, lllyth. The Duke of York later opened

St Oswald's Hospice Day Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was received by Colonel Hugh Brown (Vice Lond-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear).

His Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Opportunities for People with Disabilities Centre, MEA House, Newcastle upon The Duke of York afterwards visited the Neighbourhood Energy

Action Project, Newcastle upon BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November II: The Princess Royal,

President, Animal Health Trust. today chaired an Industry Committee Meeting, opened the Centre for Equine Studies, opened the Harris Library and chaired the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Management at Lanwades Hall, Kennett, near Newmarket, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
November II: Lieutenant Colonel
David Tasker today had the honour of being received by Queen
Elizabeth The Queen Mother.
Colone-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon relinquishing his
appointment as Commanding Offeor of the Strike Rettellion

icer of the 5th/8th Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel David Richardson also had the honour of heing received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion The King's Pagingus

Regiment. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Dominion Theatre given in aid of the Enter-tainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in

ST JAMES'S PALACE November II: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, today visited the county and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutemant of Cornwall (the Lady Mary Holberger) Holborowi

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new Treisway wing of Tresliske Hospital, Truro.
The Prince of Wales, Patron, Hall for Cornwall Project, this afternoon visited the new Hall in

launched a new project as part of the "In Pursuit of Excellence Initiative" at Tretherras School. Newquay, to provide schools with needusy, to provide scroots which secess through the internet to help pupils to identify local job opportunities and viewed the projects which have won prizes under this year's Duchy of Cornwall Education Awards Scheme.

The Prince of Wales President

The Prince of Wales, President, afterwards met The Prince's Trust business grant recipients and Trust Volunteers at the newly restored Newquay Parish Church of St Michael The Archangel and met a number of people involved in projects to support the un-employed in the area.

YORK HOUSE November II: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chalrman, the Bridsh Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon unveiled the logo marking the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the visit of Tsar Peter the Great to London, in the presence of the Governor of St Petersburg, Russia, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street,

Birthdays today

Dame Peggy Fenner, former MP, 75; Lord Goff of Chieveley, FBA, 71; Dr William Hayes, President, St John's College, Oxford, 67: Mr J.A.S. Ingamelis, former director, The Wallace Collection, 63: Mr M.A. Lang, former Headmaster, Durham School, 58; Sir Peter Lloyd, MP, 60; Professor Christina Lyon, Professor of Law, Liverpool

University, 45.
Sir Ronald Millar, playwright and screenwriter, 78: Miss Jenniler Page, chief executive, New Millennium Experience, 53; Professor Gilbert Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 53; Sir William Sutherthian and Borders, 64; Professor John Tarrant, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Huddersfield University, 56: Prebendary Chad Varah, founder, The Samaritans, 86.

Service dinner

Prince Michael of Kent and Crown Prince Tupouto'a of Tonga were present at the Regimental Dinner of The King's Royal Hussars which was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major General J.P.W. Friedberger, Colo-nel of the Regiment, presided.

The King's Royal Hussars Prince Michael of Kent and Crown



The reconciliation of Oberon and Titania, by the Scottish painter Joseph Noel Paton, in which sleeping figures of the lovers seem to give birth to a riotous troupe of fairies, is one of more than 80 paintings that will be on show at the Royal Academy in Piccadilly from tomorrow in an exhibition called Victorian Fairy Painting

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as patron, will attend a of Diana. Princess of Wales at the Festival Hall, at 7.20, in aid of the Royal Academy of Music and the Great Ormond Street Hospital for

The Duke of Edinburgh, as honorary life member, British Sub-Aqua Club, will present the 1976 Duke of Edinburgh's prize at Buckingham Edinburgh's prize at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; as president, English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will present the 1997 Duke of Edinburgh English Language Book Competition awards and the English-Speaking Union English Language Awards at Buckingham Palace at 3.00 and later will preside at a meeting of the language committee. As Pathe language committee. As Pa-tron, Institute of Management, he will attend the 1997 National and Gold Medal award dinner at the Hotel intercontinental, Hyde Park, at 7.45.

The Prince of Wales, President, Jubilee Year of the British Horse Society, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 5.00 to mark its 50th anniversary.

The Princess Royal, patron. Basic Skills Agency, will attend an annual conference at Glaziers' Hall, London Bridge, at 10.20; as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception/presentation for trusts and key donors, South Africa High Commission, Trafolgar Square, at 12.30: as Patron, National Autistic Society, will attend a seminar Jobs for people with autism/Asperger Syndrome, Midland Bank, Poultry, EC2, at 2.30; and as Chancellor, London University, will attend Foundation Day, Senate House. Malet Stert, at 6.10. The Duke of Kent. petron. Ski

Club of Great Britain, will present the Pery Medal, the White House, Church Road, SW19, at 12.00. Princess Alexandra, as president, will attend the Town and Country Conference of Children's Country Holidays Fund, Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Ave-

School news

Ilmanuel School
Mrs Anne-Marie Sutcliffe has been appointed Head of Emanuel School, Wandsworth, a United Westminster School Mrs Sutcliffe, who is currently deputy head of Channing School, Highgate, will join the co-educational Independent school in September next year. See succeeds Mr Tristram Jones-Parry, who is leaving to be Head Master of Westminster School.

Memorial service: **Peter Roberts**

A service of celebration for the life of Peter Roberts, former managing editor, The Times and The Sunday Times, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Ontes officiated. Mr Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, and Sir Edward Pickering, Executive Vice-Chairman of Times Newspapers, read the lessons. Mr Philip Clarke, former Editor of the Sunday Times Magazine, rend from Esprit de Corps: Sketches from a Diplomatic Life by Lawrence Durrell, and Mr Simon Jenkins, a columnist and former Editor of

columnist and former Editor of The Times, gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Roberts (widow), Mr Malcolm Roberts (son), Mr and Mrs Kevin Roberts (son and daughterin-law), Mr Luke Roberts (grandson). Mr and Mrs Iames Peters (prother-in-law and sister). Mr and Mrs Iam Giyn, Mr Michael Williams, Mr and Mrs Borts Schapiro, Mr Ray Powles (Roya) Marsden Hospital). Mr Michael Bradley, Dr and Mrs John Giyn, Mr and Mrs I Gifford, Mr and Mr Porrane, Mrs Horms Pearson, Mr and Mrs Alston Thomas: Lody Annaly, Lady Pickering, Sir Aiassafr Burner, Mr Frank and Lady Nathanine Giles.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, Chakrman

Burnet. Mr Frank and Lady Katharine Giles.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, Chairman and Chief Executive of The News Corporation, was represented by Mr Les Hinton (executive chairman, News International) with Mr Doug Flynn imanaging director, News International Newspers), Mr Bill O'Nelli (executive vice-president, Human Resources, The News Corporation), Miss Jane Reed (director, Corporate Affairs, News International), Mr Alasdair MacLeod (general manager, Times Hewspapers), Mr James MacManus (managing director, Times Supplements), Mr Richard Withey (director, New Media),

Mr John Bryant (deputy editor, The Taxer) and Mrs Bryant, With Mr

BIRTHS: Richard Barner, Puritin

mirister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; Amelia Opie, novelist and poet, Norwich. 1769; Alexander Borodin. composer, St Petersburg.

1833; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Paris, 1840; John William Strutt,

3rd Baron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Es-

sex, 1842; Sun Yat-sen, Chinese revolutionary, President of China 1912, Canton, 1866; Grace Kelly.

Princess Grace of Monaco, actress,

DEATHS: Canute the Great, King

of England 1016-35 and of Den-mark 1035, Shaftesbury, Dorset,

1035; Stephen Gardiner, bishop and statesman, London, 1955; Sir John Hawkins, naval commander,

at sea, off Puerto Rico, 1995; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax

of Cameron, C-in-C of the Par-

Philadephia, 1929.

George Brock imanaging editort, Mr Roper Wood (deputy managing editor), Mr David Hopkinson easistant managing editor), Mr Brian MacArthur, Mr David Hopkinson easistant managing editor, Mr Brian MacArthur, Mr David Ruddock, Mr John Mair, Mr Christopher McKane, Mr Ramonar Righter, Mr Mary Ann Sieghart, Mr Philip Howard, Mr Peter Riddell, Mr Philip Webster, Mr Graham Paterson, Mr David Chappell, Mr Tony Norbury, Mr Tim Austin, Mr Yan Barnes, Mr Andrew Moger, Mr Simon Pearson, Mr John Witherow (Editor, The Sanday Times) with Mr Martin wers (deong editor), Mr Tony Rambridge (managing editor) and Mrs Bambridge, Miss Kathleen Herron lassistant managing editor), Mr Michael Jones, Mr John Jay, Mr Roger Eglin, Mr Alex Butler, Mr Stuart Kutner (managing editor, News of the World), Mr Paul Woolfenden (promotions director, The Dally Telegraph Group, also representing the managing editor, Mr Buvid Lipsey The Economisti, Mr Jun Mr David Lipsey The Economisti, Mr Jun Mr David Lipsey The Economisti, Mr Jun Mr David Lipsey The Economisti, Mr Junes Searby, Mr John Widdows, Mr Berthard Levin, Mr Toby Consisting, Mr David Lipsey These, Mr Andrew Yhaes, Mr Barth Blackmore, Mr Alan Hamiston, Mr Hillse Dynes, Mr Bernard Levin, Mr Toby Consisting, Mr Damien Whitworth, Mr Lane Wild, Mr Christ Warman, Mr Ente Wild, Mr Christ Warman, Mr Bene Wild, Mr Christ Warman, Mr John O'Leary, Mr John O'Leary, Mr Jound Chapter, Mr John O'Leary, Mr David Chapter, Mr John O'Leary, Mr Levin Mr John O'Leary, Mr David Chapter, Mr John O'Leary, Mr Levin Mr John O

liamentary army. Nun Appleton, Yorkshire, 1671; Jean-Sylvain Bailly, astronomer, 1st Mayor of

Paris (789-4), executed Paris, 1793,

William Hayley, poet, Felpham, 1820; Charles Kemble, actor, London, 1854; Elizabeth Gaskell,

novelist, near Alton, Hampshire,

1865; Percival Lowell, astronomer, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1916; Baroness

Emmuska Orczy, novelist, London, 1947: Rudolf Friml, com-

way, 1944.

A salmon, was caught in the Thurner, the first for more than 130

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Mr Stephen Rosed, Ms Louise

Mr Stephen Boyd, Ms Louise Hidalgo, Mr Anthony Holden, Mr John Higgins and Miss Linda Christmas. Mr Derek Bristow, Mr and Mrs Don Berry, Mr and Mrs Agray, Ms Sian Roberts, Mr and Mrs J P Walter, Mr David Heaton, Mr Paul Brown, Mr Graeme Robertson, Ms Lindsay Cook. Mr and Mrs J Swain, Ms C St John Brooks, Ms Carol Leonard, Mr John Fingleton, Ms Tracy Walker, Mr Nick Gradner, Ms Ruth Wheatley, Ms L Linnane-Boyd, Mr Mike Bradley, Mr Richard Casely, Mr and Mrs S Levenson and many other brents and former colleagues.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Richard Davison, Vicar, Bishopwearmouth Christ Church, and Rural Dean of Wearmouth (Durham): to be also Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral The Rev Mary Dey, Assistant Priest, Barrow-in-Furness St Paul (Carlisle): to be Priest-in-Charge, Allonby Christ Church, and Cross Canonby St John the Evangelist formed diseased. (same diccese). The Rev Adrian Dorber, Director of Ministries and Training, and

Loudon, 1947: Rudolf Franl, composer, Hollywood, 1972.
The bodies of Captain Robert Scott, E.A. Wilson and H.R. Bowers, who had perished on their journey from the South Pole, were discovered, 1912.
The German battleship Topitz was sunk in Trumse ford, Norway, 1944. of Ministres and training, and
Priest-in-Charge, Brancepeth
(Durhami: to be also Honorary
Canon of Durham Cathedral,
The Rev Penny Driver, Minor
Canon of Ripon Cathedral with
pastoral care of Sharow w Copt Hewick and Marton le Moor, and Adviser for Women in Ministry (Ripon): to be also Diocesan Direcof Ordinands (same diocese).

University news

Ordered The Peter Tizard Prize in Paediatries has been awarded to Katherine Alison Birks, St John's College.

Proxime occasserant: James John Mountford and Sara Chorashian, Lincoln College. The Renwick Vickers Dermatology Price for 1997 has been awarded to Oliver David Howes of St John's

The Sura Norton Prize for 1997 has been awarded jointly to Troy Bickham of Lincoln College and Paul Martin of Nuffield College. The Eugene Havas Memorial Prize for 1997 has been awarded jointly to Michael Hall and Peter Morgan, both of Keble College, for the best performance in the examination for the Special Diplo-mas in Social Studies and in Social

Orld College The following elections have been

To a Scholarship

Mr J C Bell (mathematics), formerly of
Chy of London School: Mr J L E Eddis
(modern languages), Ruon College: Mr
D A J Cameron (modern Instory),
Harrow School: Mr S J Coleman
(philosophy and modern languages),
Dulwich College: Mr J C Grana
(physica), The London Oratory School:
Mr J B Hill (physics and philosophy),
Winchester College: Miss E L Jones
(plochemistry), Haberdashers'
Monmouth School for Glirs Miss G M
Kennedy (medicine), Cambridge
University, Mr J Lee Tre Wel
Jengineering science), Raffies Junior
College: Singepore.
Mr J M L Leong (geography), Harrow
School: Mr C Mellor (physics), Fairs
Wood High School, Manchester: Mr A
G Morshey (modern listory, Plymouth
College: Miss Y Qiao (computation),
Shanghai No 3 Girls High School: Mr
M K A Roseveaur (modern languages),
Shool College: Miss A Whittie

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To an Exhibition
Mr S J Alien (Isw). Sandown High
School, Isle of Wight Miss A legistoric
(medicine). Richard Hulsh College,
Taunton; Mr D S Eogers (English).
Trum School: Miss S R Stynes
(Classics). King Henry VIII School,
Coventry.

The university has approved the following academic promotions: Chairs

Chairs

Ma S J Scott (Applied Social Science):
Dr V A Bearife (Accountancy and
Finance): Dr J Drakakis (English
Studies): Dr W A Phillips and Dr K G
Power (Psychology).

Readerships
Dr D M Fryer (Psychology): Dr R 8
McKann (History).

McKean (History).

Senior Lectureships

Dr A Goodacre (Accountancy and
Finance; Dr E I Levin (Bernomics); Dr

D S Ribertson and Ms S Testes
(Applied Social Science); Dr P J Ross
(Management and Organisation); Mr

M Simmons (Education); Dr R E
Sowerby (English Studies), Dr J A
Young (Marketing). Senior Teaching Fellow Mr I T Thornicroft (Film and Media

Latest wills

Don Henderson, the actor, of Stratford-upon-Avon, left estate valued at £356,751 net. He was also vanued at 2.50, 151 net. He was also a writer, producer and director and started in many television shows including Poldark, Softly Softly, The Onedin Line, Dr Who, Dempsey and Makepeace, Boon, Minder, Maigret and latterly alongside Leslie Grantham playing his brother in The Paradise Club.

Michael James Booth, 15 of Birmingham, left estate valued at 52.850.857 net. He left 550,000 to University College Old Members Trust, Oxford, and to Old Members Trust, Oxford, and to Crescent Theatre Trust, Similagham, 140,000 to the Campaign for Oxford trust fund of Oxford trust fund of Oxford University, 14,000 to Imperial Cancer Research Fund; 1,000 to the British Ead Crust Society; 15,000 to the British Diabetic Association, the Chest Heart and Stroke Association, the Five Ways Stroke Club, Birmingham, Shelter and the Salvation Army.

Amy Morah Howell, of Llandrin-dod Wells, Powys, left estate val-ued at £1,072,654 net. She left £2,000 to Holy Trinity Charten Llandrindod Wells and to \$1. Michael's Hospice, Hereford; £1,000 to the NSPCC.

John Clifford Key, of Mattock Bath, Derbyshire, left estate val-ued at £1,972,180 net. David Edward Pepler Norton, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,146,693 net. Robert Mallory Strange, of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,131,892 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Blake and Miss S.B. Britten The engagement is announced between Che, son of Mr and Mrs James Blake, of Crosshaven. Co Cork, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Britten, of Kew, Surrey.

Mr A.J. Chitty and Miss J.M. Brady The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Chitty, of Rotherwick, Hampshire, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Brady, of

Sydney, Australia. Captain C.W. Griffiths and Miss A.G. Petch The engagement is announced between Captain Will Griffiths. The Queens Royal Hussars (Queens Own and Royal Irist), son of Captain Lloyd Cromwell Griffiths of Clapsorterships and Griffiths, of Gloucestershire, and

of Mrs Meg Griffiths, of Crieff, and Amanda, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Petch, of Cambridge Mr H.W. Ockleston and Miss K.J. Yeaman The engagement is amounced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ocklesson, of Malpas, Cheshire, and Jemima, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Yearnan, of Forthampton,

Mr. M. Richards and Miss C. Jackson The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs

Anthony Richards, of Perth, Australia, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Jackson, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Marriage Mr P.J.A. Kitcatt and Miss A.M. Corey

The marriage took place in London, on November 1, between Paul, eldest son of Sir Peter and Lady Kitcatt, and Ana Maria, elder daughter of Mrs Anita. Corey, of New York.

Sir John Kendrew A commemoration of Sir John Kendrew, FRS, Nobel Laureate, will be held in the Chapei of St John's College, Oxford, on Sat-urday, November 22, 1997, at 2-30pm.

Graeme McDonald There will be a service of celebra-

tion of the life and achievements of Graeme McDonald, OBE, at St James's, Piccadilly, London, WI. on Monday, December 8, at 3.00pm. Applications for tickets should be made soonest to: Roger Cary, BBC, Room 613, Henry Wood, House, Langham Place, London WIA IAA.

Alec Andrew Muir A service of thanksgiving for the ilfe of Alec Andrew Muir, CBE, QPM, former Chief Constable of Durham County, will be held at Durham Cathedral on Thursday, November 27, at 2pm.

Dinner Cartion Clob

Mr Robert Linsley was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Carlton Club to mark his 20 years' service as secretary of the presided and the two immediate past chairmen, Viscount White-law, KT, CH, and Lord Boyd-Carpenter, were among those

Merchant Venturers

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol for the ensuing year. ensuing year:
Master, Mr D.M. Parkes; Senior
Warden, Mr J.M. Woolley; Junior
Warden, Mr T.J. Hood; First Assistant, Mr R.E.J. Bernsys.

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BIRTHS at The Fortland Hospital, to Michele and Robert, some, Brandon Patrick and Matthew Robert.

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The Portland Hospital, to Anna Chrysanthou and George Lyms, a son, Varilis. 7th 1997, in Paris, to Victoria and Franck, a daughter, Lée Joan.

The Portland Hospital, to Daniela and Trevor, a chaughter, Tania, a sister for 1997, to Eryl (nie Cottrell) mi jeff, a son, Gwyn Pater, a mother for Bryony.

PARMEL - (n. 50 November 1997 at the EOS and, to be (n. 6 Booper) and Gooff, a beautiful daughter, Halena Grace Amelia. DEATES

Apams - Jezemy John Trevelyan died on 9th November, 20ed 54, in the arms of his family who loved arms of his family who loved him dearly, after a courageous fight. He was a respected teacher and a dear friend to many. The functal sarvice will be held at St Michael and All Angels, Berwick, at 2 pm on Thursday 13th November. Ployess to Hidne 8 Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

Sherman) peacefully in Chering Cross Hospital on November 8th, Sadly missed by family and friends. Private funeral, No flowers, Donations if desired to Oxfam (Chiswick Branch).

DEATHS RALEY - Dr. Jos. on November Sth. peacefully Alison George Selborne, dearly loved inchest of the land Christian and grandfather. Margaret, George and William and grandfather. From the Lord of the land of the la BENTLEY - Nina, widow of Camon Brian Bentley, formerly of the Cloisters, Windsor Castle, died peacefully November 9th. Funeral Service in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 3pm Tuesday November 18th Family flowers only. Donations if databal a 7th Cast of the Holy Paraplete, Sneaton Castle, Whitely, Yorks.

BLACKWELL - John, Editor extraordinaire, died in Capham on Bomfre Might 1997. Service at & Panita Church, Rectory Grove, Claphan: 3 pm Fridst 14th Founties. It there is departions to the British Heart Foundation or Trinity

depations to the British Heart Foundation or Trinity Mospice may be sent to his wife Francis Transcript (Price) at his home. A manufall Service will be manufall beauty and heart of the contract of the contr

De PORTET - Peacefully on 6th November after a short Illnoss, Mary Stebbing De Poutet aged Styears. Service at Perney Vale Consutorium on 14th November at 11.30am No flowers but donations it desired to which Wildlife Pand cic E. Laures 1 See, 246 Upper Richmond Rood, SW15, tak (0181) 783-2942. Services, 65 Unthers

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2pm at 85 Cather Linds and a much loved Grandfather and GreatGrandfather and Greating the Grandfather and Minityn Crematorium.
Family flowers only please
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Elizabeth Hospital or Transferd Ward, North CambaHospital may be sent to W.
Janey Sen. of Lym. Bard,
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(01946) 584762.

POWNER - Malestra Michael 1997, aged 55 years. Most adonat implant of August has beloved dudy of Hills and beloved dudy of Alexandra, Hugo and Holly. Charinhed this of the Control of the beind to all who know him. Service of Thambagiving to be built at \$2 Palan's Cream, herward, Hersche 14th at 250 pa. Flowers or if desired donations for the british Heart Foundation may be seen to breast Taylor Farancia. Accided the receivery on Rovember 7th. A gentle loving man Denry loved by Shelin, Simon, Jody, Caroline, John, Sally, William and baby Lacy, all his family and his many thends. Durknother of the late John and lease. Thanksgiving Service on Treasky 18th Rovember at 2pm at 8t Catherine's Church, Leconfield. No forms plans, any fire will be divided between Sightsavars International and 8t Catherine's Church.

CHEMALL - (Née Hude, isrely Forgs) Detectly Joyns died peacestully 20th October 1997 ether a short librar. Survived by daughters Deborah, Vanessa and Francesca and grandentidam. Funeral has taken place. Enquiries to (0181) 529-0215.

Downes. DFC, aged 38, peacefully in UCS Leaden Dearly loved brother of Control Chunch of the RAF, St Clement Danes, London at 2 pm on Tuesday 18th November, followed by cremation. 86 flowers. Donations to RAF in the Control of the RAF in the RAF in the Control of the RAF in the R

Ronour, aged 84 years, parefully at 31st Content to be held at Content Test Chapter 12 noon 14th November, Enquiries to Leveston & Sons Ltd., tak (0171) 387-6075.

Advocate, Fescurally on Monday 16th November, 1997, Supples, dearly loved headand of Victal and Indian of Frotessor and Mrs Jain Handlebon and Brathe of Hose and Resche Levine at Warriston Crumsterium Hand Chapel on Saturday, 15th November 1997 at 11zm to which all family and fabrica are british for flowers or letter please but fomities it declared to the Leede Cancer Unit.

PRIVETT

James MS ChB. Died suddenly at home after a tact lines 100 However 1997. Funeral Service 10.15cm Friday 14th November at St Mangaret's Church, Whitman Family flowers only please. Any donations pieses to The St Margaret's Church Organ Restonation Fund. Enquires to W.G. Rathhone, (01926) 125331.

RAE - Bill Vinginia (nos Bineal).
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abled people to use small calibre weapons and competitive shooters to practise at approved cen-tres. The Bill is now set to receive Royal Assent and

Homes alert

Social housing in London is facing crisis because the rising price of land and property in most areas is making it almost impossible for bousing associations to acquire new sites for development, according to a report by the National Housing Federation.

Conjugal rights Sinn Fein has called for

immediate negotiations an the release of its prisopers and, in the mean**time, for them** to be **ellowed more** contact with their families inchiding "facilities for the enjoyment of conjugat relationships". fnanguration, page 6

Children at risk

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CORRECTION

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LORD McGREGOR OF DURRIS

Lord McGregor of Duiris, social historian of students who emerged from the London School of Economand public servant, died on November 10 aged 76. He was born on August . 25. 1921.

ord McGregor of Durris was a distinguished academic and learned social historian who dedicated his talents increasingly to practical socio-legal problems. The autumnal years of his life were devoted to the freedom of expression, spurred on by his chairman-ship of the Royal Commission on the Press, 1974-77, leading on to chairmanship of the Advertising Standards Authority, 1980-90, and then to his being appointed chairman of the hashly created Press Complaints Commission in 1991 in the wake of the disbandment of the 37-year-old Press Council. With a huick, even mordant, wit, he brought a distinct liveliness and freshness to the wide range of all the social problems that he tackled.

Oliver Ross McGregor, known almost invariably to his friends and academic colleagues as "Mac", may not have been unique among English academics in unstintingly making available his intellectual skills to the public service; but his output in terms of a royal commission and departmental committees was prodigious. Only his predecessorbut-one in the chair of social institutions in the University of London — Baroness Wootton of Abinger —

achieved a comparable record. His chairmanship of a difficult Royal Commission on the Press after his great friend, the High Court judge Sir Morris iner, died prematurely at the end of 1974, was perhaps the piece of public work that stood out; but he was also a member of four departmental committees, one standing advisory committee for nine years (the Lord Chancellor's on legal aid), and one standing commission for 12 years (the National Parks Commission and its encressor; the Country-

side Commission). He possessed one invaluable quality that made him an outstanding and a much sought-after figure - namely, the ability both to marry with rare insight and skill the legal system and social science and to perceive the impact of social change on legislation. Nurtured in the sound tradition of awney, Laski and later of one of the distinguished band always to be firmly grounded marriage had changed pro- of the 19th century; for a short mired and respected him, mended the disbandment of and three sons.

ics at the outbreak of the Second World War. He himself fathered and furthered the cause of social policy making. grounded in the law in action. McGregor was a self-procizimed lawyer manqué (he

did not conceal his special pleasure when one of his three sons took to the law and successfully practised at the Bar, becoming a QC) and throughout his career, without any legal training, he adapted legal principle to his vast knowledge and understanding of social change, particularly in the field of family law. To this end he formed close personal ties with a few legal practitioners who showed an inclination towards interdisciplinary knowledge and a willingness to take on board the growing body of sociological critiques of the legal system. His alliance with the practising, rather than with the academic, lawyer displayed his strong feeling that it was the law in action that he wanted to influence, and to be influenced by.

Yet he came to blame the lawyerly dominance of the successive chairmen of the Press Council for its failure to retain the respect of both the newspaper industry and the public, although that criticism was unjustified in respect of the first two independent chairmen, Lord Devlin and Lord Pearce. And he deliberately excluded from the Press Complaints Commission any member with legal training. Lawyers, he once opined in a broadcast, had no place in selfregulation of the press. It was a stance that made him more than ordinarily vulnerable when handling publicly sensitive complaints to the Press

Complaints Commission. His long association with Morris Finer was particularly fruitful. Together they were the architects and executants of the massive departmental committee report on one-par-ent families (which Finer chaired), an outstanding social document far in advance of its times, as evidenced by the fact that no Government has vet agreed to implement its main recommendations. Five years' hard labour, 1969-74, produced as near definitive work on social security for the major category of disadvantaged women and their dependent children as one could imagine. The work clearly reflects McGregor's powerful insisthat social policy had



on sound social science research results. He later became the president both of the National Council for One-Parent Families and the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux from 1981 to

From 1966 onwards, jointly

with Sir Louis Blom-Cooper and Dr Colin Gibson, he directed a legal research unit within his own college (Bedford) of London University, which among other notable activities in socio-legal studies produced much of the research material for the Committee on One-Parent Families. The unit had earlier blazed the trail in this field with its work on Separated Spouses, a study of the workings of the matrimonial jurisdiction of magistrates' courts. Largely engineered and written by McGregor, in his own crisp and readable prose, the study demonstrated, to the chagrin of magistrates and justices' cierks, how discriminating the jurisdiction was in favour of the better-off spouses and against the poorer classes whose marriages had broken down. These conclusions

in the problem of divorce. The Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce in 1956 had reported inconclusively on the way forward for divorce in

stemmed instinctively from

McGregor's previous interest

foundly after the family disruptions of the Second World War. Incensed at, and provoked by, the ill-researched and ill-digested facts that moti-vated the various commissioners, McGregor promptly sat down, and with astonishing speed produced a minor classic in his Divorce in England. He never found the time to update the work, which, despite being overtaken by events, still provides the basic textbook on the subject.

The Legal Research Unit at Bedford College was the cradle into which McGregor's continued interest in the law and social policy neatly fitted. His short-lived excursion in 1972 to direct the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford was not a success. Removal, even only partial, from the centre of policy-making dissipated his energies, and when the moment came for him to take over the chairmanship of the Royal Commission on the Press - a full-time and exacting task - he was not too unhappy at leaving the Oxford enterprise, by then riven with

For all his abiding interest in family law and social policy, McGregor's academic distinction lay elsewhere. By training and inclination he was a social historian. He was, in fact, an

time after the death of his father, an Aberdonian who farmed in South Yorkshire, McGregor gave up his first academic post at Hull University and ran the farm. He had a profound and longstanding interest in all Victorian social habits, which led him to edit in 1969 a bibliography of the transactions of the National Association for Promotion of Social Science, an early forum for lawvers and social scientists that became dormant from the 1880s, when its secretary absconded with the association's funds, and which has not since been adequately

replicated. His teaching duties encom-passed much else in the Victorian period, in particular the movement for women's emancipation and later liberation. He wrote pellucidly, never more so than in his foreword to the four volumes of the Selected Writings of Barbara Wootton, bravely published at £40 a volume by the Macmil-lan Press in 1992. In that introduction he included the telling phrase, not entirely inappropriate to himself: "It is from the champions of the impossible rather than the slaves of the possible that evolution draws its creative force." .

He was an engaging and persuasive lecturer, given to careful and elegant choice of language. His students ad-

kindness behind the brutish

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though he exhibited a certain gaucherie with female students findeed, with women generally) which was odd since he displayed so pronounced a feminist approach to social issues. This detachment meant that students found his lectures and seminars less rewarding than might otherwise have been the case. But he cared deeply for students, markedly so by comparison with some of his academic colleagues. He was discriminating in the colleagues he esteemed, and he was fiercely critical of those whose academic standards were lower than he thought they should be.

His most prominent under-rated public work was his chairmanship of the Royal Commission on the Press. The analysis in its report of Fleet Street's economic and labourrelations' ills was vivid and deft. Yet, at a time when there were still a lot of trade union pressures on the newspaper industry and a Labour Government was still in power, its prescription for maintaining a free and independent press, effectively policing its own miscreams, failed to receive the political support that it

While the report was not uncritical of the Press Council, there were recommendations for giving it a continued lease of life, provided it produced a code of practice and improved its complaints procedure. By 1983 the council had largely contributed to its own eventual demise through its failure to reform itself along the lines suggested by the royal commission.

McGregor became a vigorous critic in a House of Lords debate in July 1983 on the Sutcliffe report - a distinguished product of the council's investigation into chequebook journalism, uncovering the gutter tactics of the Daily Mall - he bitterly attacked the council for its petulant attitude and self-righteous approach. Yet when the chairmanship of the council became vacant in 1988, with the retirement of Sir Zelman Cowen. McGregor was the front-runner, vigorously endorsed by the Newspaper Society. A combination of factors, mainly to do with McGregor's insistence on immediate changes in the council, deprived him of the chance to rescue a publicly discredited body.

When two years later the Calcutt Committee on Privacy and Related Matters recom-

M. J. LATSIS

M. J. Latsis American crime writer, died in Pivmonth New Hampshire, on November 3 aged 70. She was born in 1927.

the Press Council, and its

replacement by a Press Com-

plaints Commission devoted exclusively to adjudicating on

complaints of violation of a

new code formulated by nat-

ional editors, the industry

instinctively turned to

McGregor to head the new

body. His acceptance of the

task, the manner in which he

distanced it from the Press

Council and his unwillingness

initially to give the new crea-

ture a public profile, suggested

a new more reticent approach

to many of the royal commis-

nevitably, this did some-

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of a person devoted to

openness in public ad-

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the invasions of privacy of

royalty - immortalised by his unfortunate phrase about journalists dabbling their fin-

gers in the stuff of other

people's souls" at the time of

the publication of the Andrew

Morton book in 1992 -- was

unsure and ambivalent

(though this was at least partly

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When the Press Complaints

Commission was critically re-

viewed by Sir David Calcutt in

early 1993, McGregor's stew-

ardship looked doomed. Yet

the newspaper industry con-

firmed its support by reap-

pointing him in June 1993 - a

recognition that McGregor's

approach in resisting statutory

intervention still looked like

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ed four years in office at the end of 1994, leaving then to

less than generous thanks from an industry still awaiting

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MARY JANE LATSIS Was half of the duo who wrote crime fiction under the pseudonym of Emma Lathen. With her collaborator Martha Henissart she created the banking sleuth John Putnam Thatcher, vice president of the blue-chip Sloan Guaranty Trust and protagonist of some two dozen elegant mysteries with a Wall Street background. Where the average fictional detective has ust enough financial expertise to fiddle an expense account, the urbane and competent Thatcher knew his gilts from his pork-belly futures.

Despite its clear potential as a setting for skulduggery, the world of commerce and high finance was more or less virgin territory for crime fiction when Thatcher made his debut in Banking on Death in 1961. There was an obvious reason for this: most authors were thoroughly baffled by business. Latsis and Henissart, however, were well placed to balance the books. Both worked in corporate finance, Latsis having trained as an economist, Henissart as a lawyer. It was to avoid offending the sensibilities of their security-conscious clients that they chose to write as Emma

Mary Jane Latsis was born in Chicago and educated at Wellesley, where in the early 1950s she first met Henissart. The two then went their separate ways, Henissart moving to New York while Latsis worked for the CIA and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome, before returning to Wellesley to teach.

The two met again in Boston attributed to McGregor's dein 1960. Lamenting the lack of votion to press freedom - a cause which he also regularly good mystery stories, they resolved to write one themselves. championed in the House of Lords once he arrived there in The working method they adopted was to remain un-A powerful advocate of the changed for almost forty press in the Lords — where he switched from the Labour to years. Together they mapped out the basics of character and the Social Democrat benches plot: then, separately, they in 1981 - he displayed a wrote alternate chapters. fertility of mind and a clarity Latsis went first, working in pen on yellow legal pads; of expression, nearly always dedicated to reducing the sum Henissart followed on a mantotal of human misery. If there ual typewriter. At the end they was a sacrifice involved, it came together again to iron centred perhaps on his having out inconsistencies in a final resolved to turn his back rewrite. Each had to take care entirely on academia, a calling not to kill off the other's for which he was in so many favourite characters.

The books sold well. Read-He is survived by his wife ers love facts, even (or especially) when the facts are about things they don't quite understand. In a quiet, witty, civilised way, the intricate commercial and legal plots of Emma Lathen prepared the ground for those densely detailed blockbusters that now make fortunes for such writers as John Grisham.

> The Emma Lathen ruse proved something of a handicap when it came to giving interviews or otherwise promoting the books, but the pseudonymous authors were soon doing well enough to give up their jobs. Eventually their identities became known, though they continued to shun the limelight. Their books appeared at the rate of almost one a year. Some, less successful than the Thatcher tales, were written under the pseudonym R. B. Dominic, and featured an Ohio congress-

The two women bought a house together in New Hampshire, where they spent part of each year writing and walking in the mountains. Sometimes mistaken for sisters, they enjoyed their solitude. Henissart fended off a succession of suitors, while Latsis, not keen on marriage, pursued a 40year romance with an investment consultant called Walter Frank. He was not, she insisted, the model for John Putnam Thatcher.

A new Thatcher story, Shark Out of Water, was ready for publication at the time of Latsis's death.

THE RIGHT REV DOUGLAS FEAVER

The Right Rev Douglas Feaver, former Bishop of Peterborough, died on November 9 aged 83. He was born on May 22, 1914.

ONCE famously described as the rudest man in the Church of England", Douglas Feaver was a priest of firm traditional views, acerbically expressed. He believed the Authorised Version to be "the one memo-

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been adopted. He opposed the ordination of women, and described women members of the General Synod as having "seething bosoms but nothing above". He scorned the church administration and rejoiced in retirement that he would never have to attend another General Synod, a body he accused in a letter to The Times of "that conceit which corrupts conscience".

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dice to views which were deeply considered and sincere-ly felt. He seemed happy to play up to his colourful public image, even publishing in retirement a collection of his choicest "Feaverisms" under the title Purple Feaver (1985). Yet he was by no means the simple ogre he sometimes

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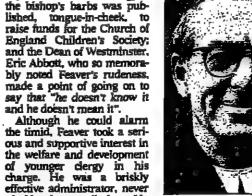
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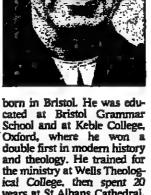
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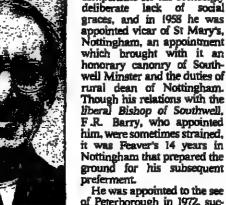
effective administrator, never afraid to leave well alone. He performed his pastoral dunies with commitment and compassion. He was a pithy, persuasive preacher, and in private an engaging racon-teur. He was liked and admired by those who knew him Nor was his opposition to

change entirely unreflecting. Rather he believed that "newness consists in renewal, not in novelty, and experiment must go hand in hand with experience". His objection to the General Synod was that he thought it determined "to demolish, little by little, the traditions, dignities and duties of the Church of England". Douglas Russell Feaver was



years at St Albans Cathedral. first as curate, then, from the age of just 32, as canon and sub-dean. He served as a chaplain in the RAF Voluntees Reserve in the Second World War. During his time at St Albans he built a reputation as a lucid and conscientious book reviewer for the Church

> His obvious intellectual strengths went some way to



marriage.

preferment. He was appointed to the see of Peterborough in 1972, succeeding the Anglo-Catholic Cyril Eastaugh, whose opposiman turned detective. tion to the proposals for Anglican-Methodist unity he shared. For the next 12 years he showed himself to be an outspoken champion of diocesan and parochial independence against the centralising tendencies of the church bureaucracy. He retired, rather unwillingly, in 1984, first to Cambridge, then Somerset Douglas Feaver's first wife,

Katharine Stubbs, whom he married in 1939, died in 1987. In 1988 he married Clare Harvey, who survives him together with a son, who is the art critic of The Observer, and two daughters of his first

SNAPSHOTS AT BANQUETS A GROWING ABUSE TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,- May I draw attention to the growth at public banquets of a discourteous practice on the part of certain photographic agencies? While the guests are seated eating their dinner photographers walk about the room taking unexpected close-up snapshots of well-known people of both sexes which are afterwards published by the newspapers. In the United States this practice is carried to a very unpleasant degree, and I recently saw a photograph of President Roosevelt with his mouth half-open in the act of eating or drinking. Similar tendencies are already manifesting themselves here, but the effrontery is at present confined to a small circle

May I point out that the society or public body holding the dinner is through its president or chairman in the position of host to its guests. It is the responsibility of the host to protect his guests from annoyance of this kind, and guests should not hesitate to ask for this protection when necessary. It might also be a good thing for public men, when invited to attend dinners as speakers, to stipulate beforehand that such practices shall not be

ON THIS DAY

November 12, 1937 华州东沙岭

Recent events make Winston Churchill's critical remarks 60 years ago, on the practice of photographers" taking unexpected close-up snapshots of well-known people of both sexes" which are afterwards published by the newspapers, of more than ordinary interest.

allowed. No one could possibly object to the regular photographs which are taken of banquets and preserved by many attending them as souvenirs. But the abuse to which I refer should surely be brought to an end.

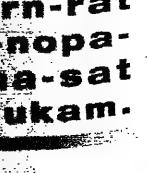
Yours faithfully, WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

BURNS AS EXCISEMAN A room 12ft by 14ft to which there was no entrance has been discovered in the Glove Tavern, Durnfries, the inn which is known as Burns' Howff. When an examination was made a wall was broken open and an

entrance effected to the apartment above what is known as the Burns Room. Burns was a frequent visitor to the inn after he gave up his farm at Elliesland in 1791, and took up an appointment in the Dumfries division as an excise officer. It was this appointment that led to his composing The Devil's awa wi' the Exciseman, but whether while in the course of his duty, as one story runs, or for entertainment at an Excise Court dinner, opinions differ.

In 1792 there was a great deal of contraband traffic from the Isle of Man and Ireland along the coasts of Galloway and Ayrshire and all the revenue officers from Green to Dumfries were placed under a Superintendent at Annan, a man known for his activities in suppressing smuggling. On February 27, a suspicious-looking brig was sighted in the Solway Firth, and the poet was one of the party set to watch her movements. Word was sent to Dumíries and Ecclelechan for a guard of dragoons and Burns was left with a party of men to watch the vessel and prevent a landing. It was then that one of his followers suggested that Burns

might well compose a song about "the sluggards" who had gone for help. After taking a few strides among the reeds, and shingle, the poet returned and chanted the





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Pledge to review political funding

A top-to-bottom reform of the way Britain's political parties are funded was promised by the Government as it struggled to wipe away the taint of sleaze surrounding its decision to exempt motor racing from any tobacco advertising ban.

After Labour was forced to admit that it had received £1 miltion from the Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone, the Government hastened its review of political funding and hinted that the law would be changed to ensure that all such handouts were disclosed in future Pages 1, 8, 23

Schumacher 'leniency' condemned

■ Two British former world motor-racing champions condemned the lenient punishment given to Michael Schumacher, of Germany, for deliberately ramming Jacques Villeneuve during the European Grand Prix last month..... Pages 1, 8, 52

Teachers to hit back

Teachers have been advised by their union to "bash and dash" when cornered by an aggressive pupil or parent by aiming for the knee, solar plexus, elbow or little ...Page 1

Au pair's gratitude

The British au pair Louise Woodward broke her silence to thank the judge who freed her and to mourn the baby she was convicted of killing. She hoped that "scientific evidence convinces the Eappen family that I did their son no harm"...... Pages 1, 5

Portillo pitches in

Michael Portillo cast himself in the unlikely role of an amateur politician helping out an old friend when he went campaigning in WinchesterPage 2

Star can't see film

Mischa Barton, 11, the little star of Lawn Dogs has been told that she will not be allowed to watch the film since the censors have given it a 15-certificate...

Peace priority

Mary McAleese was sworn in as the eighth President of Ireland and pledged to use her term to bring peace to Ulster Page 6 Teenager tortured

Teenager Kelly Bates was systematically tortured by her 49-yearold boyfriend for up to four weeks before she was murdered, a court

Poor deal

Museums and galleries should charge admission because otherwise the poor are subsidising middle-class visitors through taxes. Most visitors to museums are ABCIs.

Holy contest Five preachers will deliver sermons on "holiness" in the final of the Times/College of Preachers award at Durham. All the finalists are Anglicans _____Page II

Iraq's radar bid

The US launched an inquiry into reports that Iraq planned to buy electronic warfare radar systems from Eastern Europe that would give it the capability of detecting Stealth bombers

Euro setback

Germany was struggling to keep on target for European economic and monetary union after a £6 billion shortfall in tax ...Page 16

Somalia's deluge

After more than a month of unusually heavy rainfall, much of southern Somalia lies submerged. An estimated 200,000 people are believed to be at __ Page 17

Biue-chip art

A private collection of modern art, acquired by a New York couple for less than \$2 million (£1.2 million), has sold at auction for \$206 million Page 18

Soggy sandwiches spark free for all

An evening to cement international friendships ended with police being called after a fight broke out over food. The town of Bridgwater, Somerset, twinned with Homberg, Germany, and Uherske Hradiste, Czech Republic, was entertaining its guests in separate rooms. The battle broke out when one side got chicken and salami and the other, soggy sandwiches... Page 1



Soloists Maxim Vengerov, left, and Yuri Bashmet rehearse for a concert tonight at the Royal Festival Hall in the presence of the Queen. The concert, originally planned as a gala performance to be attended by Diana, the Princess of Wales, is to be dedicated to her memory

Demerger: Allied Domeco, the Ballantine's Scotch to Big Steak Pubs group, held out the prospect of an eventual demerger, possibly in conjunction with a link-up with a drinks rival _Page 27

Levitt: Roger Levitt is to seek exemplary damages against the DTI over the "shambles" caused by a collapsed bid to extradite him from the US. ..Page 27

Rolls Royce warning: BMW threatened to cancel an agreement to supply engines to the new Rolls-Royce if Mayflower Corporation succeeded with a hostile bid for _Page 27

Marketa: The FTSE 100 fell 13.1 points to close at 4793.7. Sterling rose to 103.8 after a rise to \$1.7042 and to DM2.9169 ____

Tennis: Greg Rusedski failed to capitalise on an encouraging start against Patrick Rafter and went down in three sets in his opening match of the ATP Tour world championship...

Football: Tony Adams, the Arsenal defender, will not play for six weeks because of an ankle injury, thereby ruling him out of the game against Cameroon

Rugby union: Within four days England's bright new squad will be introduced to the harsh realities of the international game Page 49 Cricket: Chris Adams won his campaign to become a free agent during a hearing at Lord's at which

it was decided that Derbyshire had

misinterpreted

Close call: Chris Hannan's play Shining Souls has arrived at the Old Vic, but Benedict Nightingale advises sitting at the front to ap-

Musical maybers: As the American

show Chicago opens in London with its sour theme of murder, Richard Morrison looks at the musicals that purvey lurid .Page 41 Morry dence: Will English National Ballet's Christmas produc-

tion of The Nuteracker finally bring its artistic director, Derek Deane, plaudits? Page 41 Rising star: At 24, Caspar Berry has already been an actor and a commercials director, and now he

has written the new British action movie, Downtime.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

FILMS

Impressive or grotesque? G.I. Jane, a star vehicle for Demi Moore. puzzles Geoff Brown

BOOKS

The India of Lawrence James entrances Jan Morris; Dr Thomas Stuttaford on physicians

Aberdeen, Morey Firth: surny spells and a few showers. Moderate southwest wind. Max 10C (50F)

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: sunstrine and showers. Moderate northwest wind. Max 10C (50F)

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Sorry, boys: Once women felt explotted by advertisers. Now, says the ASA, "girl power" is being exploited by the industry to demean

Nigella Lawson: For Louise, we demanded elemency: for the boys who killed James Bulger, we demand no mercy. In both cases there is a child's death...... Page 20. Political secrifices: "What hell it

must be for Tessa Jowell and her husband, David Mills," says Maxy Ann Sieghart. "After all, husbands are not used to making sacrifices for their wives' careers"......Page 21 Power of the pest: The footprints of Christianity can still be found all over modern Britain Page 21

New aidits: Good shorthand is no longer enough: today's secretary must keep up with the latest technology...

Bettle stations: Plans for one of Britain's finest naval landmarks, a handsome complex of buildings in the West Country, have spurred conservationists into backing a ri-... Page 43 val scheme

Democracy requires a strong and Government becomes too sure of inelf and even authoritarian - Corriere della Sera | service:

Preview: The competition for school places begins at three. Modern Times (BBC2, 9pm) Heview: Matthew Bond on an angry voice

A price on politics

There is much that is wrong with state funding in principle. The practical problems are no less proublesome Page 23

Fast track fallure

If it looks like a duck, talks like a duck, and walks like a duck then it is a duck. If it hobbles horrendously then it is a lame duck. A mere twelve months after his re-election. President Clinton's authority at home has been severely Page 23

Culture at a price

In an ideal world, all public museums would be free. But the world, as Labour has quickly discovered, is far from ideal Page 25

SIMON JENKINS

It beggars belief that Labour's prophets of "moralism" can see bombing as a sensible way out of this impasse. Yet so itseems. Both Mr Blair and his Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, are seasoned supporters of aerial bombardment

ALAN COREN

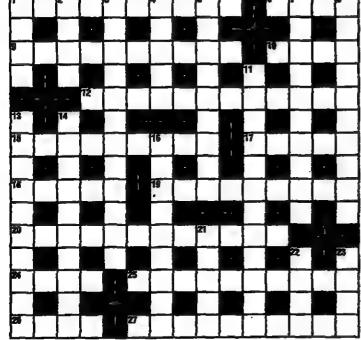
Given the limitless ingenuity of Americans, the box could well contain, say, a dozen tap-dancing bagels, or an angel cake with a PhD in quantum mechanics.... Page 22 SIMON BARNES

Looking at Formula One, we have a bravura display of sporting sleight of hand. More than that: a. 🖟 glorious buffet supper of money corrupting and big money corrupt-

Lord McGregor of Durris, former chairman of the Press Complaints Commission: The Right Rev Dougles Feever, Bishop of Peterborough, 1972-84: M.J. Latele, American crime writer..... ... Page 25

Tory divide and role in Europe; Woodward verdict; opera funding; animal testing; school library .Page 21,

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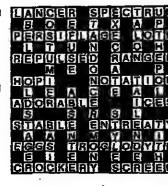
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- 6 Fell for composer dropping in (4). 9 Prayers best revised without a lot of elders (10). 10 Just entertainment (f).

12 British skater's skill needed in

- international meetings? (12). 15 The kind of farm butter kids need
- 17 Singer's theme (5). 18 Lover needing ring puts capital
- up front (5). 19 Punishing run in meandering setting (9).
- 20 So tamed etc., I'd reformed? (12). 24 Common grab found in wheatstalks (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 20,634



- 25 One way sage is surviving in the
- 26 Go for a walk round corner (4). 27 Prepare garden inside convent for one type of butterfly (10).
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- 4 Rotten school report (5). 5 Regularly tapped in lobby, one shows the pressure (9).
- 7 Parts nobody believes in (10). 8 A few words in support of the
- standard interpretation (10). 11 Helpful number (12). 13 Cooking dinner, I get this part of
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DOZENS of investment firms could face exclusion from the Financial Services Authority, the new super-watchdog launched last month by

Gordon Brown. The FSA has reserved the right to ask companies to reapply for authorisation as part of a vetting process to ensure that members of the new body meet its standards of regulation.

Although the vast majority

of the 5,000 plus investment

problem cases may be subjected to rigorous scrutiny. Phillip Thorpe, joint managing director of the FSA.

said: "The ability to require a firm to reapply for authorisation is not one which the FSA anticipates having to use with a high degree of frequency." Attention will fall on mainly smaller firms with a poor regu-

pendent financial advisers that have failed to gain entry to the:

A PIA spokeswoman said that some of the firms remain with Fimbra because of outstanding discplinary matters. Others are appealing against the rejection of their membership applications to the PIA. "We expect this business to be finished by 1999," she said. Hundreds of other small firms are regulated by profes-

surance Brokers Registration Council, whose fate remains unciear. IBRC members can carry out financial services business without PIA authorisation if it is less than 50 per cent of their total business. Howard Davies, the FSA's

chairman, has made clear that it will be the only body to regulate the sale of financial services products. Lawyers and accountants have been told that they will have to be directly regulated by the FSA if they want to continue finan-

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HOMES

Conservations sail into action over naval yard **PAGE 43**



SPORT

Rafter's revival brings the house down on Rusedski **PAGES 47-52**

originally called for \$10 million bail,

and pressed the case for "an electron-

ic device to be fitted to his body to

monitor his movements". This was

rejected, but Mr Levitt, nevertheless,

saw his movements restricted.

Lawyers for Mr Levitt are seeking

a declaration that the extradition

request was "unlawful and irratio-

nal". Mr Levitt will use such a decla-

ration as the basis for his damages

claim. He will also seek costs, which

have run to £75,000 in the UK alone.

A further High Court hearing has

been set for November 21.

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Levitt set to seek big payout from DTI in US

BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

ROGER LEVITT, the disgraced financial services salesman, is set to sue the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for "exemplary damages" over its bungled attempt to seek his extradition from America.

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Escaping from

high, long-term

unemployment

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Mr Levitt, who spent 12 days in custody before his release on \$1 million (£588,000) bail, and now works in New York as a boxing promoter, will seek compensation for wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, lost business opportunities, damage to his reputation, and stress and armiety caused to him and his family.

mechanism" if Allied Domecq

decided the best way to light.

Diageo would be to join forces

with a rival. Seagram and

Pernod Ricard have been

mooted as potential partners

alliances were also possible. "Anybody can do:a deal. But fools rush in and repent at

their leisure," he said. "We

will get the right one in due

Mr. Hales also admitted that

if Diageo were to sell Dewar's

Scotch to overcome regulatory hardles. Allied would be inter-

ested, though "not at an inflat-

ed price". Renewed demerger

hopes sent shares in Allied

Domecq 27p higher to 508p — a rise of almost 6 per cent — as brokers also reacted positively

to the group's full-year results.

Pre-tax profits in the year

ended August 31 were £607

million, a rise of 6 per cent

after allowing for currency

translation, on turnover down from £5.37 billion to £4.45 billion because of the Carlsberg-Tetley sell-off.

Trading profits were up 3 per

cent at £715 million at constant

exchange rates, but this be-came a 2 per cent drop after a

althoogh Mr Hales said local

wards multi-million dollar payouts. Lord Justice Pill, sitting with Mr Justice Garland at the High Court yesterday, expressed concern at the handling of the case. He indicated that it was in the public interest that the DTI should give the court a formal explanation. After hearing accusations that judges in both New York and London were misled by the DTI,

The DTI announced in Parliament on Monday that it was abandoning its ten-month fight to bring Mr Levitt

£33 million hit from the strong

The spirits and wine divi-

sion suffered a £29 million hit

from sterling, dropping 1 per

cent to £414 million. Mr Hales

said the figures were evidence

of the group's decision to focus

investment on its top brands.

which saw volume growth of 7

to 3 per cent, compared with

The biggest rises came from

Kahlua, at 24 per cent, and

Sauza tequila, at 9 per cent. Its

bestseller, Ballantine's, grew l

Beefeater was up 3 per cent in

spite of a 46 per cent fall in the

UK after a price rise of £2 a

A focus on top brands

helped Allied Domeco Retail-

ing to boost trading profit 5 per cent to E232 million, with managed pubs showing prof-its growth of 10 per cent.

The bulk of investment went

into the Firkin and Mr Q's brands and its Big Steak Pub/Wacky Warehouse family concept. Franchising profits from its Baskin-Robbins and Dunkin' Donuts stores

Earnings per share in-creased 18 per cent to 39.1p. A

final dividend of 15.0p, to be

paid as a foreign income dividend on February 20.

increased 9 per cent.

total growth of I per cent.

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the judge said: "It seems to me the public interest requires some

after the £34 million collapse of his company, The Levitt Group - and of furnishing false information to DTI inspectors. Nigel Griffiths, the Con-sumer Affairs Minister, told Parliament that the DTI had sought advice from independent counsel before

initiating extradition proceedings. The DTI later admitted that the grounds for Mr Levitt's arrest were not covered by the extradition treaty, It has been accused of misleading courts in its eagerness to seek Mr Levitt's return. The DTI's latest defence — that it sought outside advice - was called into question at the High Court yesterday. Alun

barrister, Katherine Shrimplin, was responsible for a series of errors in her deposition to US authorities. She had made "just about every possible error in law that can be made in extradition proceedings" involving a friendly foreign state.

Mr Jones said documents forwarded to the US authorities were a "shambles", and added: "The DTI has prepared these papers and used its own lawyers to do so." It was reasonable to conclude that the DTI had pursued proceedings in the belief that Mr Levitt would choose to come

home voluntarily. Steps to release Mr Levitt from bail

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STOCK MARKET PADICES

LOHDON MONEY

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Domecq holds Homeowners face higher out prospect of demerger mortgage bills By ALASDALR MURRAY AND ANNE ASHWORTH

MILLIONS of homeowners are facing higher mortgage bills after the Abbey National became the first big lender to raise its loan rate in response to last week's interest rate increase. Economists also said yesterday that homeowners could face further loan rate increases in the next few months after inflation unexpectedly rose in October.

The Abbey National, which has i.6 million borrowers, pushed its standard rate up 0.25 per pagit, with most other big lenders expected to follow suit in the work less days.

The Northern Rock will adjust its rates today and is also likely to opt for a 0.25 per cent increase. Adam Applegarth, Northern Rock execuraising our rates now, the Bank of England may decide that another base rate increase

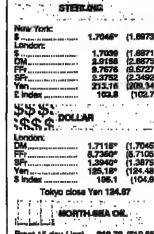
Headline inflation climbed from 3.6 to 3.7 per cent — its highest level for two years. Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage payments.

Government's 2.5 per cent target level to 2.8 per cent.

A sharp rise in seasonal food costs was blamed for most of the rise. Prices in the household goods and services sector also rose, pushing the overall measure of service sector inflation to 3.1 per cent from 2.9 per cent in September. Gavyn Davies, chief econo-

mist at Goldmans Sachs and a close adviser to the Chancellor, told the Confederation of British Industry conference yesterday that interest rates might now need to rise as high as 8 per cent to head off a further rise in inflation.

But the inflation figures sent the pound to a five-year high against the Japanese ven of a ten-month high against the dollar of \$1.7042, a rise of nearly two cents on the day. The pound closed up three pfennigs against the mark at DM2.9169, and rose 1.1 on its trade weighted index to 103.8.



GOLD

London close, \$311.95 (\$310.75) denotes midday trading price

Firm ceiling The CBI cast doubt on

Gordon Brown's "golden rule" to be used as the target for controlling public finances. The CBI urged the Government to stick to a firm ceiling. Page 28

Strong sales of life and pensions products boosted General Accident's profits but failed to lift its share price as analysis warned the market that there are tough times ahead for composite insurers.

BMW gives contract warning to Mayflower

agreement to supply engines to the new Rolls-Royce if Mayflower Corpo-ration succeeded with a hostile bid for Vickers, the luxury carmaker's parent.

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Ballantine's Scotch to Big

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held out the prospect of an

eventual demerger, possibly in conjunction with a link-up

with a major drinks rival.

Last year Allied ruled out the conceptofs demander of its.

drinks and retailing arms as a

solution to the group's underperformance of recent

But yesterday it was back on

the agenda as Sir Christopher

Hogg, chairman, acknowl-

merger of Guinness and

Grand Metropolitan would

heighten competition in the

drinks sector, making further

Sir Christopher said: "Our

prime intention is to develop

the group's two principal busi-

nesses to be leaders in their respective industries." The added This intention is, of

course, not inconsistent with demerger. But we would have

to be satisfied that the inevita-

ble costs and disruption asso-

ciated with demerger would be outweighed by the estimat-

ed benefits in terms of value to

shareholders. It's an idea whose time has not yet come

Tony Hales, chief executive,

said a demerger might be appropriate as "a facilitating

and may not come."

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Vickers, the futury carmaker's parent.
Vickers was trying to sell RollsRoyce Motors, with BMW thought to
be the most likely buyer, when Mayhower was forced to admit last week
that it might had for the whole group.
BMW fought tooth and nail with Daimler-Benz to win the Rolls engine

contract, a prestigious deal that could involve the supply of up to 1,800

BMW, the German car manufacturer, vesterday threatened to cancel an agreement to supply engines to the agreement to supply engines to the BMW would be minded to terminate the arrangements with Rolls-Royce." The German carmaker said that this would be possible under a change-in-

ownership clause in the contract. Mayflower makes the body of the Rover MGF for BMW and the Vickers camp was suggesting yesterday that there was a serious rift between the

One source claimed: "Mayflower has seriously annoyed BMW."

makes 24.44p (23.59p). Sir Christopher Hogg reported a 6 per cent rise in profits Barclays poised to complete BZW deal

By RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS is on the verge of an-nouncing the sale of BZW's equities and advisory businesses to Credit Suisse First Boston, the Swiss-owned investment bank.

CSFB was given a week to clinch the deal last Tuesday by Martin Taylor, the Barclays chief executive, and the City believes the final arrangements could be disclosed as early as today.

The complexity of the deal, which excludes the Asian and Australian

arms of BZW as well as the derivatives

business, is likely to be reflected in the

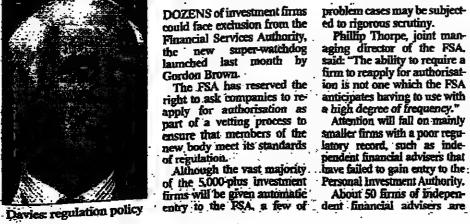
price. Most of the key BZW executives

have already signed contracts with

More than 20 companies have expressed an interest in buying parts of BZW since the investment bank was partitioned and put up for sale by Mr Taylor at the beginning of October. The fixed-income business has been rebranded as Barclays Capital.

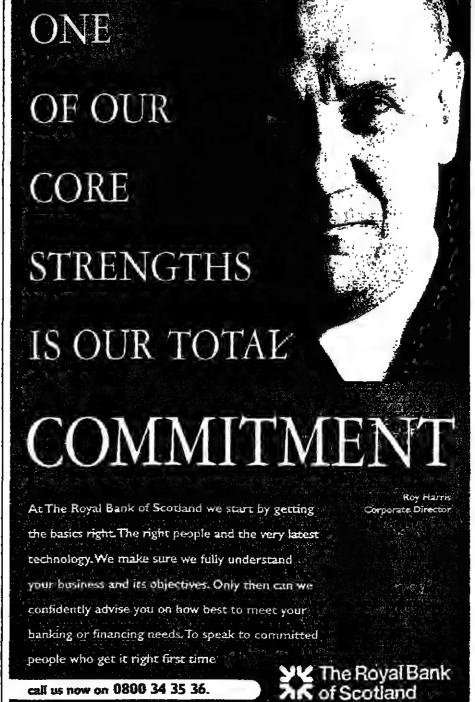
After the disposal of BZW, Barclays may hid for a life insurer or fund management business. Reports at the weekend suggested it is preparing a £6 billion bid for Legal & General, although analysts are sceptical.

Firms risk exclusion by FSA watchdog



By RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

latory record, such as inde-Personal Investment Authority. still regulated by Fimbra, although the watchdog was expected to be wound up soon after establishment of the PIA



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CBI casts doubts on 'golden rule' to control finance

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday cast doubt on Gordon Brown's "golden rule" as the Government's target for controlling public

The CBI urged the Government to shift towards a new measure of fiscal control, but called on ministers to stick to a firm ceiling on public spending. Confederation leaders announced their views on public

finances before the conclusions of the Government's spending reviews and the outline Green Budget this month.

ties surrounded the Chancellor's pledge that over the economic cycle the Govern-ment would only borrow to invest, and not to fund current expenditure. This included the inability to distinguish cashgenerating investments from those which were not, and whether they were defined net

or gross of depreciation.
The CBI said: "Taking all these uncertainties into account, it does not seem right to make a switch to the 'golden rule' as our main target.'

The CBI also recommended

Viewers put price on value of digital TV

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

NEARLY half the UK population would be interested in buying a digital television box to increase their choice of viewing - but only at the right price.

A new survey, by Taylor Nelson AGB Research, suggests that the price of the equipment is an important key to the development of services with up to 200 channels of television. The most popular price for the

"blackbox" decoder amonthe public is less than £100, although there are those, possibly heavy TV viewers. who are prepared to go up to £150. Above £200 — the likely subsidised retail price consumer interest de-

clines rapidly. Almost two thirds are aware of digital television, 39 per cent know that it will mean more channels, and 37 per cent better picture and sound.

greater emphasis on to the general government financial deficit rather than the public sector borrowing requirement as the means of fiscal control. As well as being in line with international standards, the move would allow greater commercial freedom to public corporations operating in

competitive markets.

CBI leaders said that there was still a "strong case" for include the Post Office, but if privatisation was to be ruled out, then commercial freedom in the public sector, and in particular the ability to borrow to invest, would be a "step in the right direction".

Leaders of the CBI urged the Government to maintain firm control on public spending, with a clear upper limit on expenditure financed by taxes and government borrowing of 40 per cent of GDP.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs comfaces difficult choices as it seeks to balance the growing de-mand for public services with the need to keep down public borrowing and tax rises." Ministers should consider

extending new ways of paying for services, including the Private Finance Initiative and charging, to allow funding for education and transport to

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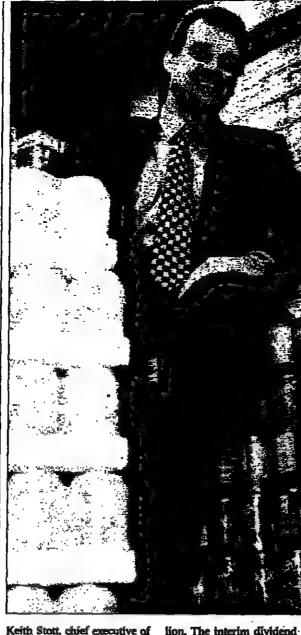
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WT Foods, which raised pre-tax profits from £701,000 to £1.64 million in the six months to September 30 on sales up

lion. The interim dividend is held at 0.50p a share out of earnings up from 0.95p to 1.4lp. The board is confident of maintaining the perfor-

Second payment for BCCI depositors

DEPOSITORS in the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) are set to receive a second dividend of up to 15.5 per cent next summer, it was

Georges Baden, one of the two Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI, told a meeting of depositors at Westminster that the money would be paid in. June 1998, finnds allowing. Depositors received an initial 24.5 per cent last December, and had been told to expect a further payout of at least 10 per cent.

Thousands of denositors lost their savings when BCCI was shut by the Bank of England in July 1991. Total debts came to 66 billion, and progress towards compensating savers has been slow. Deloine & Touche, the English liquidator of BCCI, has been criticised

over the level of fees paid. Kenh Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East, hosted yesterday's meeting of the Depositors' Protection Association (DPA), whose members between them have claims of more than £625 million. About 60 members attended. Adil Elias, the DPA chairman, described BCCI depositors as "the forgotten victims", and called on the Bank of England to own up to regulatory failings in monitoring BCCL

Deloitte & Touche had been seeking £550 million plus interest in damages from the Bank of England in connection with alleged negligence in its regulation and licensing of BCCI, but the claim was struck out in the High Court. In a ruling in May, Mr Justice Clarke ruled that the Bank could not be held liable for "misfeasance" -- conduct worse than negligent - in carrying out its duties as a regulator of BCCI. An appeal is to be heard by July 1998.



Deutsche Telekom share sale on hold

GERMANY has postponed the sale of DM8 billion (£4.7 billion) worth of shares in Deutsche Telekom until next year. The sale of DM2 billion worth of the shares to the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, will, however, go ahead this year under new budget plans announced yesterday by Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. About DM23 billion of stock will now be sold during 1998 under the new budget plans.

The adjustments to the share sale plans follow fresh calculations of expected tax revenues for 1997 and 1998. The 1997 tax forecast has been cut by DM6.7 billion. The shortfall will be made up by the postponement of repayments to the fund for old East German debts, a reduction in unemployment benefits, and restrictions on government spending. The fresh calculations will leave Germany's federal budget at DM57 billion for 1998, slightly down from the previous estimate of DM57.8 billion in the draft budget.

Eagle Star jobs to go

EAGLE STAR, part of the financial services arm of BAT Industries, which is to merge next year with Zurich Life, is disbanding its direct sales force with the potential loss of 300 jobs. The company said that the reorganisation had nothing to do with the impending merger and that it had decided to concentrate on selling products through independent financial advisers and over the telephone. The move is evidence of a growing trend in insurance away from direct sales agents.

Call for insurer clarity

INSURANCE companies have been urged to come clean over what cover they will provide if the 'millennium time bomb" goes off. The call, by the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers, follows fears that some policies may have exclusion clauses if computer systems crash because they fail to recognise the year 2000. The association said insurance companies should provide a clear statement on their position to policyholders.

Bid talks lift Menvier

SHARES in Menvier-Swain, the emergency lighting and security group, rose 49p to 254p as the group revealed that it was in talks with a third party which may result in an offer for the company. At yesterday's closing price the group is worth £132 million on the stock market. The shares reached a high of 338p in the early part of 1997 before falling to the 200p mark after a profits warning. The company took over Scantronic two years ago.

Pennzoil bid warning

UNION Pacific Resources Group said it will call off its \$6.4 billion offer for Pennzoil unless the oil company enters "good faith" merger discussions. Jack Messman, Union Pacific chief executive, said that because the value of Pennzoil's international assets appeared "to have eroded sharply" it was not in the best interests of Union Pacific shareholders to continue to pursue the offer on an unsolicited basis for an indeterminate period.

Trust value surges

GROWTH in Latin American economies helped Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets Investment Trust to increase net asset value to [57.1p a share from 112.6p in the year to Global Total Return Composite Index. The shares, which peaked at 1304p in August, closed at 1034p yesterday. Turbulent Asian markets, where the trust has a 17.8 per cent weighting, have eroded the share price.

Cranswick lifts profits

CRANSWICK, the pet, agribusiness and food group, lifted pre-tax profits 15 per cent to E2.1 million in the half-year to September 30. Earnings rose 16 per cent to 10.2p a share and the interim dividend rises 8 per cent to 3.25p. Jim Bloom, the chairman, said there had been a significant increase in food manufacturing sales of retail packing, gournnet sausages and ham. Turnover fell to £75.1 million from £79.1 million after a

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Baskin-Robbins ice-cream and Ballanine's whisky could be the makings of an interesting evening — although a tub full of Hāagen-Dazs might hint of even more excitement ahead. But the arguments for keeping ice-cream and whisky under the same corporate roof have never been entirely convincing. Now Sir Christopher Hogg appears to be accepting that there is little mutual benefit to be

gained from running food and spirits firms in a single group. When he took over as chair-man of the dispirited Allied Domecq, the City had hoped that Sir Christopher might have demerger on his mind, along with a speedy hall and farewell to the group's chief executive. But Sir Christopher held fire on both counts, preferring to concentrate on tidying up the business and instigating some of the things only new boys can get away with, such as stock writedowns. Now, however, perhaps influenced by the continuing under-perfor-mance of Allied shares, he is prepared to consider the D-word. Demerger, he says, would be more a matter of pragmatism than principle", but while this sentiment strikes a discordant note coming from the intellec-tually refined Sir Christopher, it perfectly encapsulates the de-mands of the stock market Allied has tried to argue that its different brands benefit from the

international expertise within the group but they have different

Sir Christopher utters the D-word

teams persuading the South Americans that Sauza tequila is the perfect tipple and that the ideal snack is a Dunkin' Donut. The tastes do not combine well and neither do the marketing departments, although there may be some cultural knowledge of various communities to share

That fun-loving Frenchman, Bernard Arnault, has told the boards of Guinness and Grand-Met that there is no sense in keeping hamburgers, food and hard drink in one combine but they have shunned his advice and pressed ahead with the creation of Diageo. Sir Christopher owns up to the fact that his rivals' decision to join forces prompted him into "a deep and thorough appraisal" of Allied. This may surprise some investors who had imagined this was what he might have been involved in since arriving at the company but perhaps that is merely to underestimate quite what tidying up needed to be done before consideration could be given to the future.

But the Diageo deal has begun the shakeout which has been threatening the spirits sector for a decade. If Allied moves fast to pick the right global partner, whether in a merger or a less intractable alliance, it could cer-



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tainly give Diageo a contest. Demerger is not always a recipe for success — Sir Christopher's splitting of Courtaulds aimost a decade ago did not have the same liberating effect as ICI's discovery of Zeneca within its empire but it would concentrate the minds of top management and investors. And a business that glories in owning the Big Steak Pub/Wacky Warehouse concept surely should not be mixed up

Abbey National strides from herd

with the likes of Kahlua.

there was a touch of Gavyn Davies meets The Archers in the airwaves yesterday, as the Goldman Sachs economist warned the CBI that the economy is growing furiously and the of National Statistics intoned that the dreadful crop of notatoes is to blame. The moaners of Ambridge

could be carrying the can on both counts should they happen to have a mortgage with Abbey National, which vesterday strode away from the herd and lifted rates by the same quarter per cent imposed by the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England last week. Some lenders have committed themselves to not implementing any rise this follow Abbey's lead.

This means that some bor-rowers will be hit with increased bills to meet from their December salary cheque, a salutary reminder that perhaps they should not turn this into the bumper Christmas for which the stores are waiting. The inflation bears were in loud voice yesterday, but with only the slightest official encouragement, since underlying retail prices rose just 0.1 per cent during October. But the confounded prediction that they would remain stable was enough to cause a degree of panic

in some quarters, as voiced by Mr Davies in Birmingham.

He has little time for Archersstyle complaints about the effect of blight and frosts on the King Edwards, although such unseasonable attacks on seasonal fruit and vegetables did, apparently, account for around half the unexpected increase in October's inflation rate. While Brookfield may not yet be suffering the after-effects, there are even suggestions in some quarters that the ravages of El Niño will soon make themselves lelt at the British checkouts.

Mr Davies's opposite numbers, who saw no need of last week's base rate increase, say we should not get worked up about one-off factors such as these. But how many one-off factors should be excluded before deciding where the trend is going? Purists would argue that food prices can hardly be excluded from the inflation equation, but accuracy surely demands that the effects of

the weather be separated from the cost of labour and other more manageable components. The potato price has had such an impact because this time last year the bumper crops meant lower prices. Another reason for moaning in Ambridge, then, but one for economists to tread warily now before calling for yet higher interest rates.

Case against the prosecution

t must be a burning sore for the UK regulatory authori-ties that — despite all the distress and cost caused by Roger Levitt - he was sentenced to fewer hours of community service than was the footballer. Eric Cantona, for his altercation with an abusive fan. This is why the Department of Trade and In-dustry appeared to be in such haste to bring Levitt back from the US. And in that haste they have bungled his extradition so

hindamentally. Coming at the same time as the Inland Revenue's decision to drop its prosecution of Octav Botnar for tax fraud, six years after raiding the former Nissan UK boss's offices, it raises the

question again of the way we go about investigating financial crime and securing sentences which will deter potential fraudsters. Ros Wright, the recently appointed director of the Serious Fraud Office, is strongly

of the opinion that trial by jury should be dropped in fraud cases - as the crimes are often too complex to be understood by average citizens - and that there should be a greater use of civil remedies, such as confiscating assets held by believed fraudsters and their families.

Using the civil law clearly has advantages. There is a judge not a jury, and justice can be dispensed fairly quickly. But as the DTI has shown so clearly, it does not matter what system operates if the prosecuting authority makes basic mistakes like trying to extradite someone for an alleged crime not covered by the extradition treaty.

Concert party

THE one international competition this Government is sure to win is for establishing the greatest number of working parties in the shortest time. Yesterday, the President of the Board of Trade launched six more, one of them, inevitably, dedicated to competitiveness. Top businessmen will be so occupied filling all the slots that have been created, the risk is that their businesses must suffer. Or were they indispensable after all?

Kodak to cut 10,000 jobs in shake-up

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

BASTMAN Kodak the photography company, yesterday said it is to cut 10,000 jobs worldwide in a \$1 billion (£590 million) estructuring plan.

Kodak employs about 5,000 in the UK, where an unspecified number of redundancies are expected. spokeswoman asid: Most of the jobs that are to be lost are in the US, but there will be some here."

The 10 per cent cut in the global workforce is aimed at fighting off its rival Fuji Film and will begin with an initial loss of 5,000 jobs in 1998. The UK staff work mainly at four sites: Harrow, northwest London. where 2,000 are employed the head office in Hemel Hempstead; Annesley in Nottinghamshire; and

Kirkby in Liverpool. Kodak, which is heading for a 25 per cent profit decline this year, has al-ready carried out several cost-cutting exercises in the last couple of years. Kay Whitmore, the for-

mer chief executive, was fired for not sacking people quickly enough. Andrew Fischer, who has led Kodak since 1993, said: We have begun actions to achieve a minimum reduction of \$1 billion from our total cost structure over the

next two years." Mr Fischer was hired from Motorola, which he had dominated, but has failed so far to live up to his reputation as a corporate rejuvenator. Kodak's position as the world's largest photographic com-pany is now under threat.

Encouraging start for Nycomed Amersham

By Paul Durman

NYCOMED AMERSHAM, the newly merged healthcare group, reported strong profits growth from its constituent businesses and said that it is making good initial progress integrating them (see Com-mentary, this page). The company was formed

over the last six months as Amersham International merged first with Pharmacia Biotech and then with Nycomed, a Norwegian rival. The enlarged group claims to be the world leader in X-ray and other diagnostic imaging agents, and in supplying the biotechnology industry with the products and services needed in medical research. Bill Castell, chief executive. said Nycomed Amersham is producing strong underlying trading. Amersham reported first-half pre-tax profits 32 per

was up only slightly at NKr913. million (NKr898 million). Mr Castell said: "Our em-

higher at £37.6 million, although this ignores the first £8.4 million of restructuring costs. Nycomed's third-quarter profits rose 40 per cent to NKr309 million (£27 million), although the nine-month total

ployees have clearly delivered the goods. There is immense

people understand the merger it's very easy for them to

The Nycomed deal was completed last month. Mr Castell said he had been nervous before the first meeting of the company's new board last week, saying it was "like meeting your in-laws". Amersham's figures were

flattered by the inclusion of Nihon Medi-Physics in Japan and £6.1 million of profits in a two-month contribution from Pharmacia Biotech. The healthcare division benefited from strong sales of Myoview, its heart-imaging agent, and of iodine seeds, a treatment for prostate cancer. However, sales of iodine seeds, 89 per cent higher at £9.8 million, were held back by production problems.

Mr Castell gave warning that Japan's recent move to ask patients to bear a greater share of healthcare costs has aiready cut sales by 4 to 5 per cent. He expects a flat year in Japan next year. The life science division saw the strongest growth from its genetic sequencing business, where ales grew 43 per cent.

As previously announced, Nycomed Amersham is not paying an interim dividend.



Sedgwick looks for strategic deal

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

SEDGWICK GROUP said yesterday it would look at any deal that was in the strategic interests of the company and added value for shareholders.

The insurance broker is the subject of bid speculation, with Marsh & McLennan and Aon named as possible suit-ors. In addition, Sedgwick has hinted that it would consider a merger with Willis Corroon, a rival, although the latter has said it intends to remain

Amouncing a modest rise in nine-month profits, Sedgwick said that there were still no signs of an end to the

sector. Overcapacity and failing rates continue to haunt the broking industry, with markets around the world remaining under pressure. Pre-tax profits for the period were £82 million, against £80.4 million for the corresponding period

an adverse effect of 19.2 million on pre-tax profit, and shares fell lp to 1172 p. Rob White-Cooper, chief executive, said: "I do not think there is any indication anywhere of markets turning. I think it is true to say that there is still a great deal of capacity in the

Antitrust lawsuit attacked by **Microsoft**

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

MICROSOFT has launched a stinging attack on the US Justice Department in response to an antitrust lawsuit that calls for a \$1 million-perday fine on the US software

The group alleged that it had been harmed by the Justice Department, which published confidential documents supplied in response to a request for information. If said: "Within minutes after the Justice Department filed its petition, antitrust chief Joel Klein was addressing a press conference and quoting liber ally from one of the documents Microsoft had designated as confidential."

The department will respond to Microsoft's allegation when the case is beard in a federal court in Washington on December 5. The case focuses on Microsoft's attempt to make its Internet software an industry standard.

Critics fear that Microsoft is poised to dominate the Internet in the same way it has monopolised the market for operating systems on personal computers.

The Internet software is part of Microsoft's Windows 95 programme. The company said: "The central fact to bear in mind is that Microsoft does nothing to prevent other companies from developing superior alternatives to Windows 95. As yet, nobody has succeeded but that does not mean that large and powerful companies like IBM. Netscape, Oracle and Sun

Microsystems are not trying." Microsoft said the department's actions are aimed at stalling the development of the Windows software and should be thrown out of

GTE keeps options open on MCI bid

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

GTE, the US telephones group that co-operated with BT in yesterday refused to rule out making a hostile bid to thwart WorldCom's \$37 billion agreed offer.

Wall Street analysts said a new GTE bid was not as unlikely as MCI had suggested on Monday, when it accepted WorldCom's offer. WorldCom had raised its bid from \$30 billion to \$37 billion, making a comeback for GTE from its \$28 billion offer very costly.

A GTE spokesman yesterday said: "We have not announced any changes to our position." BT, which had made its own

\$24 billion bid, has agreed to sell its 20 per cent MCl stake to WorldCom for \$7 billion in cash, thereby ruling itself out of the bid battle. BT has also accepted payment of a \$465 million fee for the break-up of its planned merger with MCI.

If MCI were to accept a raised GTE offer, MCI would, under the takeover contract. have to pay WorldCom \$1.2 billion for reneging on the agreement. But GTE could be helped by the volatility of WorldCom's share price. Its stock swap offer will decline in value if the price falls below \$29. The shares fell from \$33 to \$31 on Monday and de-

clined another \$1 yesterday.

Former minister is made JKX chairman

the former Energy Minister. yesterday succeeded Sir Robert Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, as non-executive chairman of JKX, the oil and gas exploration company.

Sir Robert abruptly resigned from JKX last month after it fought off a £54 million takeover bid from Ramco Energy. Lord Fraser, a director of Elf UK, is understood to be receiv-

LORD FRASER of Carmyllie, ing only half the £46,000 salary paid to Sir Robert.

JKX is becoming increasing-

ly influenced by Ukragaz prom, the Ukrainian stateowned oil and gas company, which effectively scuppered Ramco's bid by buying a large stake in JKX. Ukragazprom is thought to be behind the resignations yesterday of two JKX directors, David Boyd and John Kenny.



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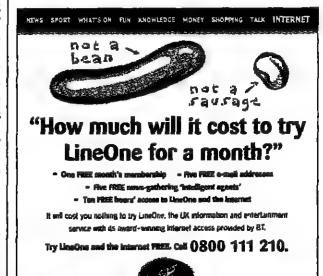
threatened to put Chris Evans, the flamehaired presenter, out of a job, has been put on hold for another three weeks (Chris

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday called for an E87 million acquisition. The MMC began

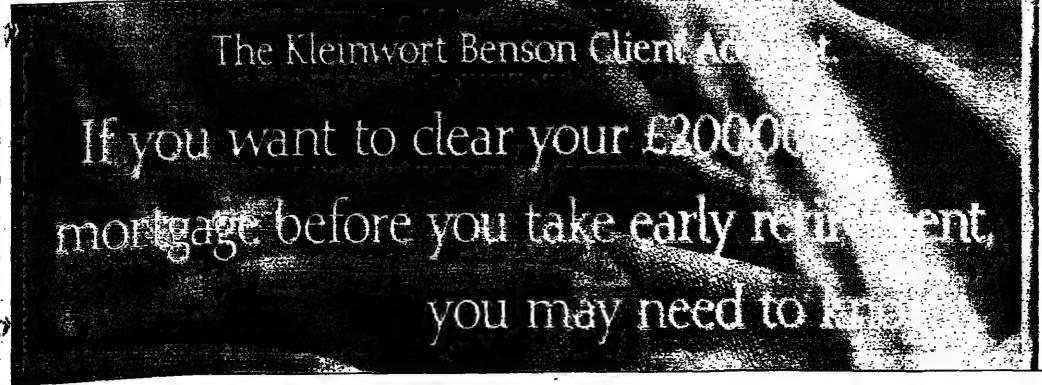
compiling its report at the end of July. The extension of the deadline was greeted by the two stations as possible evidence that Mrs Beckett was not convinced by the arguments against the

largest commercial radio station in the A key issue is whether companies will then see Capital as the only London

radio station worth buying advertising space from. Mr Evans, on a ten-week contract to present Virgin's breakfast show, believes he could be fired if the takeover proceeds.



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Shares falter on fears of further interest rate rises

for cover, with the prospect of further interest rates rises now

almost inevitable. Yesterday's rise in the inflation rate to its highest level for more than two years prompted City economists to begin warning of the consequences of the economy's trend. Gavyn Davies. at Goldman Sachs. told the CBI he saw interest rates rising to 8 per cent by the spring. Richard Jeffrey, at Charterhouse, the merchant bank, has been warning of inflationary pressures for some time and forecasting 8 per cent base rates before Christmas. 'We need to know if they are going to raise rates in December and by how much. The Bank of England needs to become more aggressive. I would like to see it raise rates by half a point next

It did little for market confidence, although prices did close above their worst levels of the day after an early markdown. London enjoyed a late rally on the back of an opening rise by the Dow Jones industrial average. The FISE 100 index clawed back an early 52-point deficit to finish 13.1 down at 4,793.7. Turnover was a lacklustre 762 million

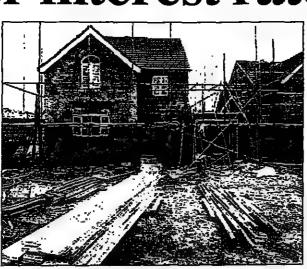
The recovery in high street sales during October did little to reassure brokers, who saw it as too little, too late. Nick Bubb, retail analysts at Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull. the broker, wasted little time in downgrading the sector from "positive" to "neutral".

Falls were seen in Great Universal Stores, 512p to 68212p, Dixons, 18p to 690p, and Courts (Furnishers) 11p to Some of the biggest turn-

over was seen in British Telecom, down 8120 at 456120 as London investors turned sellers in the wake of the WorldCom-MCI deal.

Cable & Wireless firmed 312p to 485p amid hopes that BT will make a bid. Speculabuying also lifted Securicor 3p to 28612p. Now that BT is flushed with cash after the sale of its 20 per cent that it may spend some of it buying Securicor's 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile phone operator.

Brokers took full-year figures from Allied Domecq in their stride. But the price rose 27p to 508p after the group indicated it may be consider-



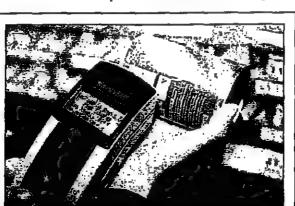
Shares in leading builders dipped on a negative report

ing a demerger in the face of the posed Guinness-Grand Metropolitan merger. Some City speculators have suggested Allied may link up with Seagram, the Canadian wine and spirits group. GrandMet finished 2p firmer at 54612p. while Guinness was 2p dearer

Bardays Bank was 9p off at £15.03 after Andrew Buxton, chairman, ruled out the possi-

bility of a merger NatWest Group, up 14p at 866p. He refused to comment on reports that the group had approached Legal & General. up Sp at 488p.

Scottish Media, the Independent television broadcaster, stood out with a rise of 11p at 676p after the company's own broker upgraded its recommendation for the shares from a "hold" to a "buy". But



RECENT stock market volatility is starting to make investors think twice about where they spend their money. That could turn out to be good news for the supermarket chains.

Safeway led the way higher with a jump of 152p to 395p, while news of Tesco's £700 million expan-Europe added 9½p to its shares at 475½p. There were also gains for Asda, 25p to 1605p, and William Morrison Supermarkets, lp Goldman Sachs, the US

securities house, started the

ball rolling with some positive comments to clients about the sector and its defensive qualities. Société Générale Strauts Turnbull, the broker, and rival UBS have also taken a positive line on Tesco and its expansion plans.

But there was little joy for Kwik Save, which continbe caught crossfire bwtween the big guns and the food discount ers at the bottom end of the market. Its shares finished lp softer at 327 p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett. the broker, began making bearish noises to clients.

Spirax Sarco dropped 13'zp to 651'2p after SBC Warburg Dillon Read, the broker, downgraded its recommendation on the shares from a "hold" to a "sell".

Shares of Industrial Control Services dropped 612p to 49p on the back of a profits warning.
The insurance composites

continued to fall from grace. Royal & Sun Alliance, which reported last week, fell 2p to 547p, after NarWest Markets, the broker, dropped the shares from its list of favourite stocks. Falls were also seen in General Accident, down 13p at 972p. and Commercial Union, 25p off at 800p. Brokers such as Crédit Lyonnais Laing have been saying for some time that the absence of any takeover moves means that the composites are overvalued.

Dresdner Kleinwort Ben-son, the broker, put the boot into the housebuilders by suggesting that the number of houses being built had declined and that house price inflation had already slowed from 6 per cent to 5 per cent. It lowered its recommendation for George Wimpey, 1'ap easier at 115p, from "add" to 'hold" along with Redrow, 6p off at 156p. Barratt Developments, 21 ap softer at 256p, has been moved from "hold" to

News of the bid approach enabled Menvier Swain to enjoy one of the best gains among the top 350 companies, with the price leaping 49p, or 24 per cent to 254p. In September, shares of the electrical equipment group were hit by a

profits warning.

GILT-EDGED: The latest inflation numbers took their toll on the bond market by increasing fears about the prospect of further interest rate rises. Prices at the longer end of the market were left nursing falls of up to £1. In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gift shed £2332 to close at £1179a in

thin trading that saw just 57,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 tumbled £3132 to £1171132. while in shorts Treasury 7 pa

cent 2002 was £332 off at El001132. ■ NEW YORK: Gains on Wall Street were tempered by a sell-off in Caterpillar after : broker downgraded the stock. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 14.98 points higher at 7,567.57.

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Flight of fancy SOME people think that Britain's regional airports are a treasure trove. Some people may be wrong. FirstBus is the preferred bidder for Bristol International Airport and it could end up paying some £40 million for a half share. Last year Bristol processed 1.4 million passengers, and it has big plans to build a terminal to accomedate three million;

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spin-off profits from retailing. The trouble is that all airports are unique and no airport is like Heathrow. Some regional airports, Liverpool, for example, have never left the runway because of the proximity of a larger, more successful competitor, such as Manchester. BAA has never made a great success of Southampton and National Express will have its work out out to make Bournemouth a winner. Bristol's catchment area is

sufficiently affluent to develop reasonable holiday charter traffic, but the proximity of Cardiff poses a competitive threat.

Small airports ultimately depend on charter traffic, which last year slumped unexpectedly, and it is unreasonable to expect significant scheduled traffic to build up at small airports in the South of England. Airlines tend to flock together, seeking the

a scenario that raises the attractive prospect of lucrative transfer business that fills empty seats, hence the huge profitability of Heathrow. That poses another question about Bristol, which made about £3.50 per passenger last year, compared with BAA's £4.50 per passenger across its UK airports. Assuming a £40 million investment, FirstBus is valuing Bristol at 26 times earnings. You can buy BAA on a multiple of 14; reason enough to be sceptical about FirstBus.

Food retailers

SHOPKEEPERS love good dose of inflation. It tends to flatter their earnings and by keeping staff costs under control, extra revenue can boost the bottom line. So, food retail shares jumped on news that food prices rose 1.4. per cent year-on-year, a welcome surprise after a full year of price deflation and thin gross margins.

The real good news is not the El Niño weather pattern putting up the price of a pound of spuds. The underlying dynamics of food re-tailing are looking better than for some time.

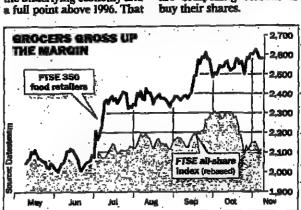
First, the strength of sterling has given the superstores buying power on the 20 per cent of their products which come from abroad.

Secondly, the intensity of the petrol retailing battle has abated, allowing the super-

who worry that the superon selling fuel. stores have nowhere to go due to restrictions on out-of-Finally, and most important, there is strong evidence. of organic growth coming town expansion. And, arguably, the slow-down in building will help to through in recent sales figures. Excluding inflation, avoid a recurrence of the volume growth in sales is trending above 3 per cent, well up with the growth in vicious discounting of a year the underlying economy and

ago. Peace and prosperity are compelling reasons to buy their shares.

provides comfort to those



Nycomed Amersham

AMERSHAM International was a difficult company to understand at the best of times, involved in iodine seeds and gene sequencing. After a complex series of mergers, the group's results have become almost meaningless. On the company's (favourable) reading of its interim figures, profits are up by 57 per cent, sales by 47 per cent, and earnings by 40 per cent. However, ignore the Pharmacia deal and a Japanese joint venture and in-clude effects of currency changes and restructuring costs, and a less flattering picture emerges. Sales by only 2 per cent, while profits

rose 3 per cent. The underlying business looks strong, and the enlarged group has big opportunities in areas such as ultrasound imaging and genetic analysis. However,

there are risks too: Nycomed's X-ray imaging business will have to continue cutting prices, while Japan's new cost consciousness will hold back the healthcare

stores some margin recovery

business next year. This column was premature in July when it advised taking profits when Amersham's shares were around £17. They are now at £22.222, but the City is taking the synergies and £100 million of annual savings on trust, while ignoring potential problems. Any upside is priced in the shares; investors should sell and look for better value elsewhere.

General Accident

posite insurer's portfolio would be weighted heavily towards life and pensions. GA's experience suggests that many Britons put their windfall building society profits into a long-term savings plan. GA's long term life

product has put on sales of nearly 50 per cent in just three months — a level that the company admits is un-sustainable.

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Unfortunately, total premiums from life business for the nine-month period make up only a quarter of its business portfolio. The remainder comes from general business. whose trading conditions, which were hardly rosy before, appear to be worsening

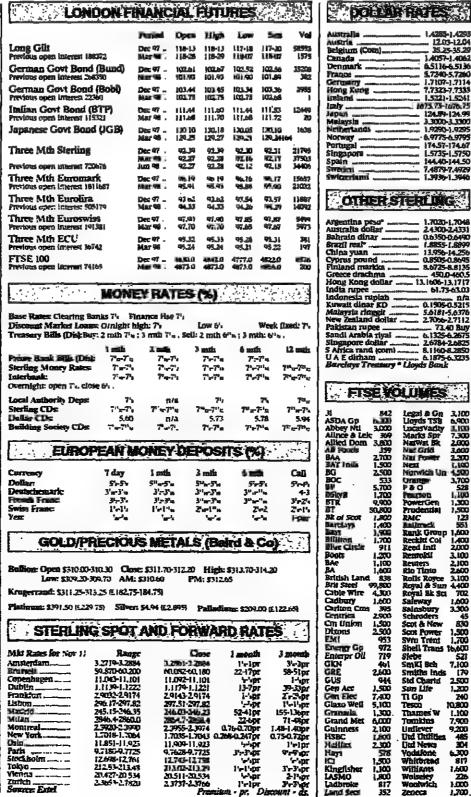
Fears that there are tough times ahead for insurers heavily weighted towards general insurance sent shares in the sector tumbling yesterday.

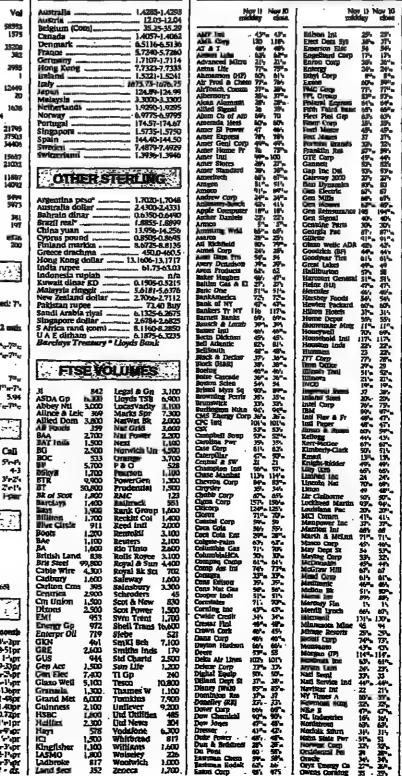
GA has been trying to improve its margins in this area by putting up premiums wherever possible. In spite of this, UK motor and housemain so until the weak players withdraw their capital A from the market or get taken over. In the meantime, avoid

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SECTION AND PROPERTY.

To most students, business and ethics are seen as opposing forces. During college days safficiently affluent to develop reasonable most students postpone so much as thinking about joining the rat race antil the very last minute, in the full knowledge that they will all-too-soon be spat out the other end of the education system in a pinstripe suit. But when it comes to the stage of drafting CVs, more sober questions of business life present themselves. How will I earn money? What will ! be asked in interviews if this application succeeds?

With these, more brutish questions of business begin to filter through. What if it was me? If I was in charge of Shell: should I blow up the Brent Spar oil rig in the ocean or ship it back home and bury the remains somewhere in Dorser? Should supermarkets shut down small stores and erode local communities or deny customers savings that an out-oftown store could provide? Tough

questions, but the sort of dilemmas being presented to students in this year's Times Ethics Competition. now in its third year. The first prize is

This year's problem is familiar. Your company, Biggins International, has been creating jobs and prosperity in a faraway country for many years. Through diplomacy with its leaders and honesty with workers, you have developed a profitable business that leads the growth in the economy.

Then trouble breaks out. The newlound prosperity in the country, which your company has helped to create, is envied by the local military. Its vulnerable Government is overthrown and the country falls to a harsh military junta

The result isn't presty. The coup leaders care little for human rights and commit atrocities with impunity. Back home, Britain is looking to Biggins International to take action. Surely, with your economic power, you can do something to help? Pressure groups urge you to pull out altogether and wash your hands of a nation which has, in international eyes, receded into violent anarchy.

A question of mixing business and ethics

A tough problem. Withdrawing altogether would not exactly make life better for your workers, who would be left without a job as well as



being left to the mercies of the new regime. Picking a fight with military dictators in the public gaze would probably be applauded as a sough line by critics at home, but the new rulers are unlikely to be shown contering to foreigners.

Behind-the-scenes diplomacy.

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your name in the UK, and the workers will be concerned that you are snuggling up to the regime that is threatening their families

Yet something must be done. This year, The Times and NatWest are asking students to come up with their own solutions. The competition is open to all, and encyclopaedic knowledge of business offers no advantage because entries will be marked on reasoning and moral judgment rather than technical knowledge. The entries, which should be kept to 1,000 words, will be reduced to a shortlist of six and the authors will be invited to discuss the ideas with a panel of judges chaired by Derek Wantess,

chief executive of NatWest Group. John Monks, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and Patience Wheatcroft, Business & City Editor of The Times, will also be on

Last year's winning entry was written by Owain Evans, with picked

bank while still a sixth former. The economics student, who had not studied business ethics, walked off with £3,000, while winning the same

amount for his college. The preceding year, the competi-tion was won by Chris Ayres, then a Politics student at Hull University and now a business news reporter on The Times. He used the money to take a postgraduate journalism course and learn about business iournalism.

Neither of the previous winners spent weeks pondering the right answers. Owain Evans said he spent a couple of days on research, and then two or three hours knocking out

Entry forms are available from NatWest branches or by writing to Room 217, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2 2BP. The closing date is February 27.

FRASER NELSON

Making an escape from high, long-term unemployment

David Blunkett, the Employment Secretary, will tomorrow launch the Government's Welfare to Work project in the London Borough of Lambeth Philip Times Industrial Editor, sees some potential prototypes in action,

oday we came out and started work. Started work on a real job." With astonishment in his voice, this is Martin Davies, an ex-steelworker. Now, at 37, he sits in a dusty shed, eating his hunch-time sandwiches in his first week as a member of what will be the Government's Welfare to Work environmental taskforce. Keith Faulkner, an ex-miner.

is squatting next to him by the recreation ground in the village of Kilnhurst, South Yorkshire, that once had a mine and a steelworks. Both have been unemployed for years. Mr Faulkner says: "We've got the chance to do us own village up. and look after us own place." The Government will today

announce the latest fall in unemployment, and todorrow David Brunkett, Employment Secretary, will be in Lambeth. south London, to launch Labour's new eal Welfare to Work programme in one of its 2 pilot areas. The £3.5 billion. windfall tax on the privatised utilities, aims to help an unspecified number of the longterm adult unemployed and 250,000 young people, aged 18 to 24, who have been out of work for at least six months. It will take them off benefit and into one of four options: a job, with a £60 a week subsidy for the employers; full-time education and training; work with the voluntary sector; or work on the environmental taskforce. There will be no fifth

option of remaining on benefit.
The ten Kilnhurst trainees think that is hard. Tracy Bennett, 18, has tried office work, hairdressing and other jobs. "No benefit is pretty tough. It's not necessary," she argues. Under the programme they are on, run by Groundwork, an environmental partnership, the trainees get £120 a week. They feel they are contributing to their village. They have the status of being in work - and are often the only people in



On the banks of the Tyne, apprentices are being taken on by a company training young people for Swan Hunter and other firms

their families earning a wage. The programme is likely to be transformed into one of the Government's environmental taskforce (ETF) options.

Groundwork believes participants will eventually be able to get landscaping jobs, or start their own landscaping firms. But voluntary workers worry that the last two of the four options will become sink options for the least qualified Jack McBane, Groundwork's tor, says: "The worry is that the thunderheads will come on to ETF, while the better ones

go into a job." Rotherham near by, where another ew eal pilot scheme is operating, has been blasted by industrial change. Over the past 15 years, mining jobs in this old steel and coal area fell 90 per cent. The town has the highest unemployment rate in Yorkshire, at 10.7 per cent twice the national average. Up to 1,500 18 to 24-year-olds are expected to enter the programme there in the first six months. Almost half have no qualifications. Three quarters have no experience of work at all. In addition, more than 2,300 older long-term unem-ployed will fall into the target

John Healey, elected in May as the MP for neighbouring Wentworth, says: "If the new deal is going to work as the Government wants, it has to have an impact in an area like Rotherham." Chris Mallender, Rotherham council's assistant chief executive. says: 'The problem is that we have not yet developed an economy here in a way that creates alternative options to coal and steel." But they are trying. Rotherham's QMAT Programme Centre is, according to Peter Little, the Government's Employment Service



Smith: commitment

district manager, a blueprint for the new deal's "gateway" element, which will sift unemployed people into one of the four options as well as offering help with job application techniques and remedial reading

Equally, the local training and enterprise council and chamber of commerce run a successful direct recruitment programme, which offers em-

"Without the wage subsidy we would not have been able to train our staff as we have." But the leader of one Tec

year. Ann Ratcliffe of

echcliffe, a local firm, says:

Healey: must make impact

talks of real fears about the outcome of the new deal programme: of unpreparedness; of the inadequacy of the Employment Service to run it: of worries about the possible creaming off of funds by private sector firms moving into lead positions within it: of the potential for fraud; of government officials caring

ployers a job subsidy of £120 a of local organisations now week for six months. Jane deciding whether they should Wheelhouse, who runs the take part in something with programme, says 249 local such potential problems. people are still in jobs it Andrew Smith, Employprovided since its launch last

ment Minister, says: "We are on course. There is an enormous amount of very energetic commitment to the new deal going on - a number of organisations, including private sector firms, coming toether to make a sucess of it."

Evidence from business ODNOTTI COAL thirds of companies polled by the Confederation of British Industry supported the Government using additional tax revenues to help the long-term unemployed. Adair Turner. CBI Director-General, said yesterday: "Business is supporting the Government's Welfare to Work initiative."

Some husiness is not waiting for the Government's programme. On the banks of the Tyne, apprentices are being taken on by Tyneside Maritime and Engineering, which trains young people — 80 so far — for the Swan Hunter shipyard and other firms.

Barry Johnson, managing director of A&P, the Wallsend shiprepairers, says: "The idea of TME is that we train for the river so that people are llexible and not just suited for one company." A&P's yards are buzzing. A roll-on, roll-off ferry is being converted to a floating casino destined for the coast off Florida and young

people are grinding engine parts in the repair shed. Yet adverts for skilled workers produced 8,000 applicants. Mr Johnson says: Welfare to Work — that doesn't really affect us: we need skilled workers." The local JobCentre is pushing jobs at £3 an hour.

In the west end of Newcastle, deprivation is stag-gering: metalled shop win-dows, crime, drug and alchohol abuse, people flitting houses when their debt problems pile up, and male unemployment at 43 per cent.

Here agencies such the Employment Service have all but given up: to people in Benwell, many second or third-generation unemployed, the ES is the police, hammering at your benefit, about as likely to help you through the new deal as Nissan, Siemens or the Metro shopping centre getting in touch to offer you that job you've always wanted. People such as Cath Cook and Tony Mason, working on the programme, do what they can for unemployed in Benwell, helping those too distrustful now of mainstream and official agencles to move towards jobs. John Philippson, 25, a George Michael lookalike, says: "Everybody round here is on the He praises the Workfinder programme's one-to-one help, which the new deal's "gateway" will emulate.

His friend, Des Gibbons, agrees. "I've been on job training schemes before," he This is a lot better. You can talk to one person about your problems, not get ten answers from ten different people." Both have been in bad lobs. and mostly out of work, since

leaving school. As they spoke, they were about to head off to new jobs, found through the programme. Today they are in the Canary isles, working as travel couriers. Attractive but it means leaving their homes, families, and friends. And even as the price of escape from high, long-term and multi-generational unemployment, that is hard.

But in Newcastle, Rotherham, and the other areas where ministers hope the new deal will make a real difference, they know that being out of work is harder.



Central banks move into the spotlight

sume centre stage on both sides of the Atlantic today with publication of the Bank of England's quarterly Inflation Report and the conclusion of the meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

It is tempting to argue that, if the Bank decided it was safe to raise interest rates last week despite stock market wobbles, the Fed may feel the same way. After all, there is nobody more aware than Alan Greenspan of the dangers of overestimating the dellationary impact of a large stock market correction. It was, of course he who presided over the monetary policy loosening that followed the 1987 crash and the subsequent surge in price pressures.

Nevertheless, there are good reasons to think that an American rate rise at this iuncture

would be a Burden of proposition than the managing the Bridsh monctary tightmacroeconomy ening of last week, which should not pushed sterfall on the higher but MPC alone caused not

elsewhere in the world economy. A rise in US rates could have much more far-reaching consequences, not least in Hong Kong and those economies in Latin America that have invested so much faith in the credibility conferred by maintaining currency pegs against the dollar.

a murmur

The Fed does not want to trigger another fall in the stock markets or currencies of these emerging markets. Latin America, America's economic backyard, has already caught the selling contagion from the Far East, interest rates have risen and scaled back. Much has been made of the fact that British companies have an unusually large exposure to the crisis in the Far East, but this is negligible compared with growth in Latin America would have for the US.

Wall Street is perceived to be much more overvalued than stocks in London and the Fed is unlikely to be as relaxed about the potential impact on share prices of a rate rise as the Bank proved to be last week. And there is another big difference be-tween the Fed and the Bank's monetary policy committee (MPC). The Fed has built up over years a large fund of credibility for

matters and feels no pressure to prove it is "ahead of the curve" on interest rates as the MPC clearly does. In Britain, the City is

eagerly waiting to read the fine print of the Inflation Report for hints on whether the quarter-point rise in base rates last week is deemed likely to be enough to hit the inflation target, or whether there are likely to be more rate rises in the pipeline.

It is difficult to call not least because sterling's appreciation has not had its normal economic effects. Exports have been remarkably resilient. It is hard for the CBI to howl about higher rates given, for example, October's purchasing managers' survey, which showed manufacturing activity rising to its highest level for six months and the first increase in export volumes since June.

Neither has the pound worked its usual magic on inflation as lower producer prices feed through to keener pricing on the high street. week's profigures

looked be nign, yesterday's retail prices were disappointing. If the pound is neither crippling exporters, nor exerting downward pres sure on prices, the MPC may feel that it doesn't really stand in the way of more rate rises to rein back consumers.

Nevertheless, it would be wrong to bash industry unnecessarily. In all the current debate about where rates are headed, fiscal policy has scarcely had a mention. Yet higher taxes would arguably be much more effective in taking the heat out of the consumer economy than interest rate rises, and they sterling to the potential detriment of business. The economy may well slow healthily of its own accord, but if it doesn't, fiscal policy ought to be on the agenda as another weapon in the macroeconomic armoury.

By convention, the Bank does not comment on fiscal policy, although there are now influential voices within the Bank arguing that it should. Fiscal and monetary policy ought to be looked at together, despite the institutional separation of responsibilities now established between the Bank and the Treasury. The whole burden of managing the macro-economy ought not to fall on the MPC.

Taylor made

our readers. Which bank is taking out full-page advertisements giving warning that the single European currency is planned to start in less than 300 working days. We'll make sure you don't get left behind"? And the chief executive of which bank said, on March 26: "Britain should not go into EMU in the foreseeable future ... European politicians should have the courage either

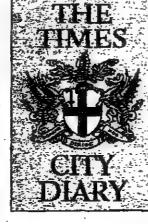


to go forward with a small euro-zone or postpone the project altogether"?
And, on May 28, that "it is

the duty of currency speculators to blow them [fixed exchange rates] apart. I think there is a much lower chance of EMU happening on time today and more worryingly there is a much higher chance of bad EMU

happening? And who said two days ago at the CBI that EMU "is a wonderful project, but it has fundamental flaws at the moment."? The answers are Barclays Bank, Martin Taylor at Barclays Bank, Martin Taylor, and Martin Taylor. Only three out of four for consistency, surely? We're taking a pragmatic approach, says the bank.
That's not at all inconsistent with our chief executive warning of what the problems JOHN BIRTS vision of a non-

● IT HAD to happen. A British Airways 747-400 was on the Singapore route, displaying the infamous new "aboriginal" logo. After several weeks a local air traffic controller pointed to the new squiggles



on the tailfin and asked the captain dirily just why the words "heart attack" were displayed there in Chinese ideograms. I am told BA had to take the craft in for a repaint.

Crossed wires

stop, interactive media future came unstuck yesterday when the BBC chief was blanked off the screens at the Confederation of British Industry. My spies tell me Birt spoke in raptures, if, indeed, a Dalek can sound rapturous, about the wonders of digital TV and the coming multi-media world.

The trouble was that word had gone out at the breakfast briefing that he didn't want to be filmed. His crew were be-mused. His office then blamed confusion at the Birmingham conference, insisting he put out no such ban. SOUNDS like a lucky es-

about numbers rather than of

the quality of the programme:

cape to me, but a business conence is somewhat miffed with a government refusal to field any ministers this week to talk to them about the euro. The UK 200 Group, which consists of accountants working for small and mediumsized businesses, says the DTI and Treasury seem too tied up with the CBI. Instead they have lined up Bill Robinson of London Economics, a Eurosceptic and former adviser to Norman Lamont, and David Heathcoat-Amory, Shadow Treasury Secretary and even less fond of the euro. Nothing

Wanted

like a balanced view.

ARE you vaguely left of centre, a clever money-man and keen on lost causes? I have just the job for you. The Liberal Democrats are head-hunting for a new chief executive to manage the finances and administrative and personnel functions.

The City is a favoured hunting ground. Tim Clement-Jones chairman of the party's federal finance and administration committee, wants a candidate with general commercial awareness, coupled with a strong financial control and budgeting background". Salary negotiable. Paddy

Ashdown had some rude things to say yesterday about an anonymous donor who offered a seven-figure sum to party coffers before the election. The new money-man might have other ideas.

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Analysts cast shadow over increased **GA** profits

STRONG sales of life and pensions products provided a boost for General Accident's profits but failed to lift its share price yesterday as analysts gave warning that there are tough times ahead for UK composites.

GA's shares tumbled 22p to 966p, while those in fellow insurer Commercial Union dropped 17p to 808p. This was despite a 23 per cent increase in GA's nine-month profits to a record £124 million (£118 million) and an increase in pre-tax profits from E311 milion to £384 million, meeting

Operating earnings per share were 58.3p for the period (44p) and the strength of sterling knocked £9 million off operating profits. Much of the

Ladbroke wins Cairo casino deal

LADBROKE, the hotel and gaming group, has won a concession to run the casino at the Nile Hilton in Cairo in compe-tition with several other international gaming com-panies (Dominic Walsh

The casino is understood to have 15 gaming tables and 18 slot machines aimed at international high-rolling gamblers. It is scheduled to reopen next month after extensive refurbishment.

Analysts welcomed the deal as further evidence of Ladbroke's international gaming ambitions. It has also pitched for five casino licences in South Africa.

growth came from what Philip rector of finance, called the windfall effect".

Mr Twyman said that anecdotal evidence suggested that a large number of people used the windfall bonuses they received from building society conversions to buy a single premium savings product.
This had led to a 48 per cent

increase in GA Life's core investment product, the Port-folio Bond, which had attracted £547 million in the ninemonth period.

GA's £195 million acquisition of Provident Mutual In September 1995 had helped to increased profit from longterm business 26 per cent in the nine months, from £77 million to £97 million.

Although the market reacted negatively to comments in the composite's results about increased competition and attempts to put up premium rates, Steven Bird, insurance analyst at Merrill Lynch, is forecasting full-year pre-tax profits of £502 million (£42) million).

GA was less optimistic about prospects for personal motor and household insur-ance. Mr Twyman said: "We are selectively putting premi-um rates up and are prepared to lose business rather than follow the market down."

In the UK, GA's personal lines business posted under-writing profits of £15 million, down from £30 million a year earlier, while the personal motor account's underwriting deficit widened to £27 million, from E10 million. The United States under-

writing deficit in sterling terms over the nine months decreased from E96 million last time to £65 million.

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Brian Taylor, chief executive of Wardle Storeys, which overcame adverse trading conditions and the strong pound

Wardle Storeys defies elements

WARDLE STOREYS, the parachutes and inflatable boats company, lifted pre-tax profits to £125 million from £10.5 million in the year to the end of August, in spite of difficult trading conditions in Europe and the adverse impact of the strong pound. Two of the company's three

advance in operating profits. Technical products earned £6.4 million, up from £5 million, on sales that fell to £60.8 million, from £64.2 million. A significant reduction in overheads helped to offset problems caused by the

Profits from the inflatable systems division rose 39.4 per

that increased 35.6 per cent to E30.1 million. The division will benefit further from the E12.5 million acquisition of Dunlop Beaufort from BTR Industries, which was completed in August.

A third division, airborne systems, held profits un-changed at E3 million on sales that fell to £21.7 million from

fered a setback in America when work on the US Defence Department's advanced tactical parachute system

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Wardle Storeys, where Brian Taylor is chief executive, rises 8 per cent to 20.5p a share, for

went elsewhere. The total dividend at a 14p final, payable from earnings of 32.6p (27.2p).

Iraqi troubles may benefit Umeco



McGowan: record orders

THE Ministry of Defence may ask for the production of aircraft refuelling units to be accelerated in response to the

instability in Iraq.
Umeco, which makes the land-based vehicles, said yes-terday that the ministry had asked about the possibility of speeding up their manufacture earlier this week.

Clive Snowdon, chief executive, said the company had a number of orders from the MoD for new and refurbished

refuelers, but could not say how many. The MoD would not comment on "speculation" over its production schedules. Brian McGowan, chairman, said Umeco has record order

BY ADAM JONES

books for the second half. Umeco announced a doubling in pre-tax profits from an interim figure of £1 million in 1996 to £2.I million in the six months to September 30. The figure includes a maiden con-tribution from GRP Material Supplies, bought in May, where operating profits were £700,000. Umeco's aerospace components distribution business recorded a 60 per cent rise in operating profits.
Turnover increased 77 per cent to £22.8 million. An interim dividend of 2.1p (1.8p) will be paid on February 12.

Umeco's purchase of Med-Lab International, a distributor of minerals to the aerospace and petroleum industries, for £1.07 million cash left gearing at about 10 per cent.

Woolwich flotation chief quits

building society turned bank, yesterday announced the resignation of the director who managed its £8 billion stock market flotation (Richard

The bank said that Peter Burton, 46, director of group resources, had resigned for personal reasons after completing several major projects during ten years of service with the group.

His departure, described by the Woolwich as amicable, comes on the eve of a management restructuring that will effectively see his board position disappear and his re-sponsibilities reallocated.

Mr Burton said: "The time is now right to look to new challenges." He is understood to have a new job lined up, but he is unwilling to disclose its nature. He will leave on December 17.

FirstBus set to take 51% airport stake

is looking to the skies by taking a controlling stake in Bristol International Airport. It has been chosen as preferred buyer of a 51 per cent stake in the airport, the thirteenth-largest in the UK, by Bristol City Council, which will retain a 49 per cent

Bristol International serves 1.5 million passengers a year. The council has plans to build a new terminal to increase capacity from 1.8 million to three million passengers a year. Included in the plans is the installation of all-weather landing instrumentation and a new diversion on the nearby A38 road.

In the year to April, Bristol International earned pre-tax profits of £5 million on turnover of £25.5 million.

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BUSINESS KOT HOLE. DCC dips in spite of good organic growth

DCC, the industrial holding group based in the Republic of Ireland, said that strong organic growth had been achieved in its four main divisions in the six months to September 30. Although interim pre-tax profits fell nearly 20 per cent to IrE12.99 million (E11.8 million), from IrE15.67 million, Ir£12.99 million (£11.8 million), from Ir£15.67 million, comparable figures for the previous period benefited from a net exceptional Ir£4.6 million gain. Underlying profits rose to Ir£12.98 million, from Ir£11.2 million, on turnover that improved to Ir£307.17 million, from Ir£276.88 million. Adjusted earnings were Ir12.15p a share (Ir10.13p) and the interim dividend is increased to Ir3.52p, from Ir3.04p. Jim Flavin, deputy chairman and chief executive, said DCC expects a good outcome for the year as a whole.

RAC takes BSM wheel

THE RAC yesterday spent more than £28 million on shares to give it control of BSM, the driving school group. The motoring organisation bought 14.8 million shares in BSM on the open market, lifting its interest to 53 per cent. The RAC paid 195p each for the shares, the same as the offer price included in its £54 million bid unveiled last Friday. The takeover will add BSM's 135 branches and 1,928 franchised driving instructors to the RAC, best known for its roadside sistance and legal services to motorists.

Shares move lifts Bett

SHARES of Bett Bros rose 22p to 169p yesterday after the housebuilding inns and commercial property group ack-nowledged the need to enhance shareholder value. The nowledged the need to enhance shareholder value. The shares have ranged between 173½p and 126p this year. The company, based in Scotland, reported pre-tax profits up 38 per cent to £6.9 million for the year to August 31, though earnings were little changed at 34.06p a share, as against 33.27p, on a higher tax charge. Total dividend is 6.75p a share, compared with 5.6p, with a 4.85p final.

Whitehead Mann up

SHARES in Whitehead Mann rose 13p to a high of 171 p after the executive recruitment company reported a 42 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £1.58 million for the six months ended September 30. These are the company's first results since flotation in March, when the shares were offered at 136p. Sir Peter Parker, chairman, said assignments in all business sectors had risen significantly, particularly information technology and telecoms. Interim earnings rose 28 per cent to 6.53p a share. The maiden interim dividend is 3p a share.

IC profit warning

SHARES in Industrial Control, the electrical equipment] group, fell 7p to 48½ p after the company said that it expects to incur substantial losses in the first half that ends this month. although it expects a significant improvement in the second half. Peter Hall, the chairman, said at the annual meeting that it had been necessary to revise certain accounting estimates "which will require a number of provisions and write-offs to be made in the half-year financial statements". Details will be announced when appropriate.

Hays buys in Norway

HAYS, the business services group, has acquired Geodata Services, a tape storage, transcription and re-mastering company based in Norway, from PGS Data Management for £3.2 million. Hays has also disposed of its dry eargo and tanker fleets and, in a separate transaction. Crescent Shipping and Crescent Ship Management. The total received for the disposals was £9.7 million, while the marine activities sold before last July made an aggregate profit of £1 million. The proceeds received

BP sells in Thailand

BRITISH PETROLEUM yesterday confirmed plans to sell its 48 service stations in Thailand to Caltex Thailand, which is jointly owned by Texaco and Chevron, for an undisclosed sum. Under the deal, Caitex, which will retain all BP's station service employees, increases its network in Thailand to more than 600 outlets. BP said that it was consolidating its Thai resources to strengthen and expand other businesses, including lubricants and specialities, aviation fuel, chemicals, and solar power systems.

John Lusty sales rise

JOHN LUSTY, the food distribution retailing group, raised pre-tax profits from £235,000 to £609,000 in the six months to September 30 on sales up from £8 million to £12.8 million. Earnings rose from 0.15p to 0.31p. An interim dividend of 0.13p per share was paid on October 1, taking the place of last year's final. The group pointed out that most of its main seasonal business is done in the third quarter and said that so far Christmas sales are strong and that costs remain under control. Further acquisitions are being sought.

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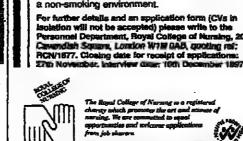
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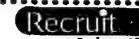
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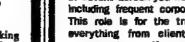
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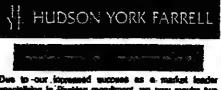
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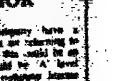
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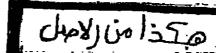
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The increase in new technology has been the final straw for some secretaries." says Julie Samuels, director of Secretaries for the Future, a Lancashire-based group that aims to help secretaries and their managers to cope with the changes. There are so many new challenges, with many secretaries not knowing

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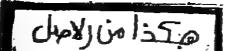
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> who has run Hall's new-play programme, has failed to prove that our newer, younger writers can make the jump from small, informal theatres to a large, formal one. One or two of their plays have looked lost in the ample acreage and

tions, successful enterprise.

Shining Souls Old Vic

They would have been better suited to some more intimate space - in the case of Shining Souls, Edinburgh's Traverse. That was where I saw Chris Hannan's piece 15 months ago, and a notably sharp, bright exercise in blackish fun it seemed. The freshness of its observation and the verve of its dialogue are still evident. but more sporadically so. I discovered in the interval that I was not alone in feeling that a combination of uneven acoustics. Glasgow accents. and the actors' failure to breach the gap between stage and stalls did not make a slightly loony plot more accessible. If you decide to see Shining Souls, as you should, sit near the front.

"[ve_had_poverty, drugs, depression, bereavement and sheer bloody misery all day." says Brian Pettifer's vicar as the action stumbles to a close, and I've still to write tomorrow's sermon proclaiming the good news." Who can blame him for moaning? His parishioners are in chaos. Even on the day fixed for her wedding.



Stuart McQuarrie (Charlie), Shirley Anderson (Mandy) and Alison Peebles (Anne) in Chris Hannan's disappointing black comedy, Shining Souls

Alison Peebles's Anne cannot decide on a husband. Even though his mother is dying. Swart McQuarrie's Charlie cannot find his way from the betting shop to the hospital. Anne's predicament is the

more understandable, since both aspiring grooms are called Billy and the big, dim one seems to be better in bed than the smallish, clever one. But Charite is the more memorable character. One moment he is cadging money from his estranged wife on the pretence that his mum is terminally sick, the next he has discovered that she really is ill but that he doesn't possess the right clothes for a deathbed scene - and on he blunders. spiralling into confusion and contradiction like an O'Casey hero on LSD.

I am not sure either that Hannan's own production. which seems more surreal

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than Ian Brown's in Edinburgh, serves his text well. or that the text itself rises to all the challenges he has set it. After all, his subject is the search for meaning in a world whose disasters include the suicides of twin children. But he communicates mess and muddle better than pain, grief or a sense of "shining souls".

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struggled to capture its live

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ants, is a driving piece of dubbed-up noise that could

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was a little boy called Murdo, who felt that he was too big for childish things such as working for a living, and decided to sleep in late. So late, in fact, that the days rolled into each other, and Murdo treated his bed as both playpen and office, holding court to a stream of visitors while his mummy grew more and more exasperated. Trouble is, in Iain Crichton Smith's new play for the Traverse, baby Murdo is pushing 40, still living at home, waited on hand and foot by Mama, and really ought to have dealt with his adolescent angst by now, It is neither big nor clever. The play's pivotal moment and certainly not original, as somes as lona Carbarns's mother, brother and would be a least larger knocks wurdo

Murdo has been afflicted with a poetic soul, that eternal waster's excuse for avoiding. natural light, while an existential hangover sees him au fait with biscuit-dunking Proust and Immanuel Kant. Even girl-next-door Judith can stir him only as far as raising a smile. Dour, hard-drinking Death alone is able to reach

between the sheets. Crichton Smith's play may seem old hat and unsophisticated. After all, the absurdity of existence was confirmed yonks ago, and "been there, done that" applies to the meaning of life as much as anything else. Yet behind the sometimes stilted debate be-

Handrigh tween wilful nihilism, ideologies of every hue and

plain old real life, there is a gentie, self-deprecatory charm at play, which one cannot help but be wooed by. Much of this is down to the understated playing in Philip Howard's wide open production, which sees Iain Macrae's Murdo make the transition from spoilt but desperately seeking something daydream unbeliever to fully fledged grownup in the face of loss.

lover all make clear. But into domestic shape, when Murdo realises that what he has been looking for is stand ing less than two feet away from him. Almost wordless, ... the scene is played to Anna Mhoireach's gorgeous live folk score, and captures the full essence of lost boys yearning after surrogate mummies And let's face it, they still walk among us. OK, it is embedded with old-time chauvinism, but Crichton Smith never lets us lose sight of Murdo's full ridiculousness and, as bedtime stories go, you'll nod off with a smile on your face. As for Murdo and Judith, they live happily ever after. Maybe.

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what should be a high-spirited week's residency. In contrast, the opening weekend of the Oris London Jazz Festival dressed the Duke in white tie and tails by shifting - successfully - the emphasis to his

QUITE a month for admirers

more formal concert pieces. a composer of extended works have been debated ever since Black, Brown and Beige pre-miered at Carnegie Hall in 1943. Did his music, in short, lose some of its potency when he succumbed to the lure of the concert stage? Some argue that the three glorious minutes of Harlem Air Shaft reach greater heights than Harlem Suite, the finale of this evening. Yet only narrow-minded purists could have sat unmoved as the BBC Concert Orchestra - augmented by true jazzers such as Alan Barnes — negotiated the slalom-like tempo changes and

New World A-Comin Queen Elizabeth Hall

highlighted the contrasts in

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the writing for the horns. Conductor Robert Ziegler drew some robust playing originally commissioned by the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Earlier, the mini-concerto New World A-Comin' came full of Ellington keyboard touches, supplied by Ameri-can pianist Fred Hersch. The programme also put Ellington in context. Anthony Davis's percussion-led Notes from the Underground gave a modernist slant on the Afro-American tradition. Wilhelm Grosz's Afrika Songs provided Weilllike settings of another of Harlem's cultural spokesmen.

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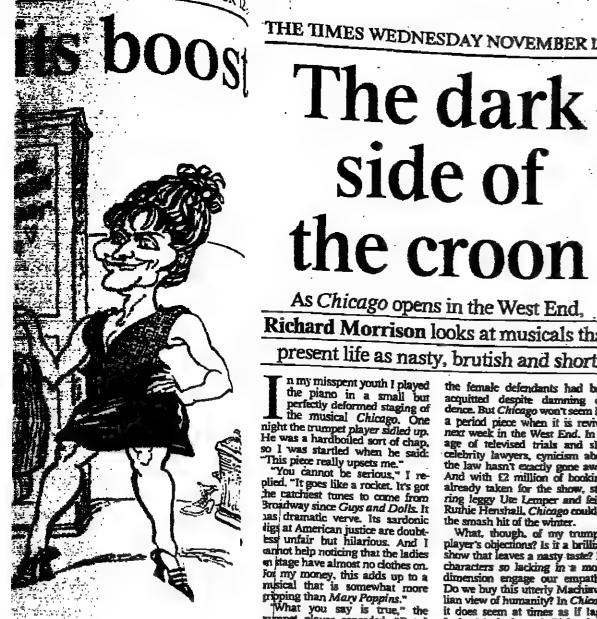
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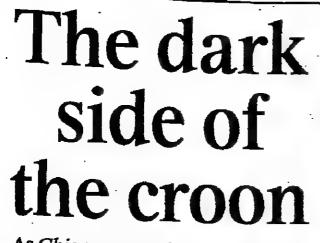
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made on ENB's behalf. which is something other pa-trons don't really do. This tenletting people know about her

the art form. ENB's new Nuteracker is designed by Sue Blane, who also created the sets and costumes for Deane's Alice in Wonderland. She and Deane have opted to set The Nutcracker in 1997, rather than in some cosy Dickensian world. Sue has created a modern look totally based on a classical line. Deane says. "I want-ed to change period, I wanted to change the story. But what I did not want was the Spice

Deane is a notoriously hard not a unique talent in any way Girls on pointe."



As Chicago opens in the West End Richard Morrison looks at musicals that

present life as nasty, brutish and short

n my misspent youth I played the piano in a small but perfectly deformed staging of the musical Chicago. One night the mumpet player sidled up. He was a hardboiled sort of chap. so I was startled when he said: This piece really upsets me "You cannot be serious," I re-

plied. "It goes like a rocket. It's got he catchiest tunes to come from Broadway since Guys and Dolls. It uss dramatic verve. Its sardonic digs at American justice are doubt-ess unfair but hilarious. And I cannot help noticing that the ladies on stage have almost no clothes on. for my money, this adds up to a musical that is somewhat more gibping than Mary Poppins."

What you say is true," the rumpet player conceded. "But I lave one big problem. I don't like a ringle character on stage. And I don't like the story. It's sordid and

cylical from start to finish." le had a point. At least, he almost had a point, which is not ned for a brass player. There is one are guy in *Chicago*: poor Amos, andwinked husband of the scheming murderess Roxie. But even he is tilkeable: he's too pathetic.

As for the rest, well, there's the slyster lawyer whose main concern isself-publicity; and the "six merry marderesses", all busy concocning so stories to feed to the gullible pess; and the grotesque woman alor who trades perks for lesbian facurs; and the two cold-blooded "hroines", who plan to use their own murder trials to launch showbiz careers. And there is a plot thit equates American courts with serdy vaudevilles, in which there ar no defendants, lawyers and judges - only "acts" strutting their stuff. Yes, Chicago is pretty sour. It was written by Bob Fosse, John Kander and Fred Ebb in 1975, and based on a much older play - a 1920s drama penned by a Chicago

reporter aiter she had covered two

the female defendants had been acquitted despite damning evidence. But Chicago won't seem like a period piece when it is revived next week in the West End. In an age of televised trials and slick celebrity lawyers, cynicism about the law hasn't exactly gone away.

And with 2 million of bookings already taken for the short the state of already taken for the show, starring leggy Use Lemper and feisty Rushie Henshall, Chicago could be the smash hit of the winter.

What, though, of my trumpetplayer's objections? Is it a brilliant show that leaves a nasty taste? Do characters so lacking in a moral dimension engage our empathy? Do we buy this utterly Machiavellian view of humanity? In Chicago it does seem at times as if lago, Lady Macbeth and Richard III have all met in a photo opportunity concocted by Max Clifford. Yet there is a long tradition of

musicals that walk on the seamy side. That is often forgotten. The word "musical" usually evokes quasi-operettas of the Lloyd Webber or Boublil/Schonberg school, or inane fables cooked up to display Astaire's footwork, or the homespun Americana rolled out by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

But there is an alternative tradition which derives its power from the very incongruity of mixing furid material - "murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery", to quote Chicago's opening line — with razzle-dazzle tunes. Far from diminishing the impact of the grisly plots, the buoyant music sharpens the theatrical shock.

How far back does this tradition go? Right back to the musical's origins. It is present, for instance, in John Gay's Beggar's Opera, written in the 18th century as a black satire on sleaze, but using the joiliest "pop tunes" of the period. Remember the staging a few years ago by David Freeman, in which entire cast produced nooses and



The murder trial presented as vaudeville: Ruthie Henshall, Henry Goodman and the chorus of newspaper reporters in the new West End production of Chicago

proceeded to simulate mass suicide as the curtain fell? You don't get that in The Sound of Music.

A sense of the macabre certainly runs through Gilbert and Sullivan. Indeed, Gilbert constructed The Mikado almost entirely from tastefree jokes about execution, selfdecapitation and torture — to which Sullivan supplied tunes of radiant perkiness. And it was the dominant thread of the musicals written in 1920s Berlin by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. Their Threepenny Opera, of course, was a reworking of The Beggar's Opera with souped-up sex and violence. In turn it, too, became a model — for the piece that Kander and Ebb

wrote prior to Chicago: the nihilistic but stunning Cabaret.

These musicals craftily frame serious subjects in an ostensibly lowbrow showbiz format. In Chicago the legal system is presented as vaudeville: in Cabaret the rise of Hitler is mirrored in a nightclub. But the prize for audacity here must go to Joan Littlewood, who presented the entire First World War to devastating effect as a music-hall show in Oh! What a Lovely War.

Clearly the drama critics' perennial moan - "nothing but sugary musicals around these days" - is not quite accurate. Musicals are as numerous as ever, but not all are sugary. I saw a staging of Sondheim's Sweeney Todd in which the blood spuring from the severed jugular of the demon barber's illfated customer was so realistic that a man in the front row screamed. The same author's Assassins - a charmingly lyrical catalogue of gentlemen who have killed, or tried to kill, American presidents didn't have this physicality, but it did strike many Americans as

Some lucky audiences in Massachusetts have seen the first "IRA musical", a preposterous yarn called Brimstone that ends with a choreographed shootout between a Bonnie-and-Clyde duo of terrorists and the nasty British occupying

bordering on treason.

forces". The peace process will need to be somewhat more advanced before we see that in the West End. But it is possible that Paul Simon's first Broadway musical, The Capeman, will be coming here soon, and that has stirred up a noisy protest in America by retelling the true story of a Puerto Rican gangster who knifed two boys to death 40 years ago. Shades of West

Side Story there, of course. As with the furore over the Myra Hindley portrait at the Royal Academy, the families of the victims have been alerted to the "outrage" of The Capeman by the ever-vigilant press. "Does Paul Simon think that murder is something to sing about?" one protest leader asked this week.

The answer is clearly yes. But then, so did Mozart, Verdi, Wagner. Gershwin, Bernstein and every other theatre composer of nius. If you insist on a musical being glitzy, escapist and as mushy as overboiled peas, then I believe Starlight Express is still doing excellent business at the Apollo Victoria. If you want something as sharp as a stilento, as brilliant as a diamond, as sour as a lemon and as intoxicating as bourbon, don't miss Chicago. Also, it doesn't have me on the piano this time round. • Chicago is in preview at the Adelphi

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A profit without honour?

Allen Robertson

talks to the critics bête noire,

Derek Deane of English

National Ballet

t is impossible to replace the ineplaceable. This explains why no one has been chosen to succeed Diana, Princess of Wales, as the patron o English National Ballet It is also why Derek Deane's new staging of The Nutrucker is dedicated to her. Following its premiere in Southamoton on Thursday, the production goes to Liver-pool and Marchester before arriving at the London Coliseum/on December 8, where opening night will begin with a specially commissioned film

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tribute to the Princess. keen dance fan all her life, sone might even say a ballerina manquee, the Princess beame the company's patron in 1989. Deane, who has been aristic director since 1993, colld not be more enthusiastic abut the very real care the Pincess showed for ENB. Nor isit any secret that she played a pivotal role in securing spinsorship from Harrods for hi new Nutcracker. "We can sy that The Nuteracker was signsored by the voice of the Pincess of Wales, says Dane, referring to a crucial temphone call the Princess

influential as Diana was in losening those strings, howcer, money wasn't all she contributed. "She spent so much time with the dancers, minute film is our way of life within dance, her love of



Derek Deane rehearses Tamara Rojo in The Nutcracker, ENB's 1997 Christmas show

worker. In the studio he fizzes as far as choreography is and whizzes around his dancers like a gadily, egging them on, shouting himself hoarse with encouragement. "I can be a tyrant," he says, "but only when I need to be, when I think people are being unpro-

fessional, behaving badly or not doing their job. Because there are a lot of dancers out there who need jobs. If I

have to be strict and demanding. then that is what I will be. "I'm lucky to have the kind of character that doesn't get upset by people not liking me. I don't want

anybody to hate me, I don't want anybody to spit at promise." Despite all the demands on him as the company's director,

Deane regularly adds to his load the responsibility of stag-ing ballets for ENB because he knows he doesn't have to pay himself an extra salary air doing so. I can save the company £30,000 to £40,000 by doing this myself. How-ever, that's not the reason why I do it. I do it because I feel it's a part of my job to be creative. "I have always known that I am not a MacMillan, an

Ashton, a Balanchine. I am

great sense of theatre and of production values. Choreographically, I think I am a very good showman.

The box office figures prove that. Last summer's Swan Lake in the round at the Albert Hall played to 90 per cent capacity — some

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50,000 people saw Deane's production during its twoweek run. Deane course it will be creating a new version of Rowould be meo and Juliet for the Albert Hall next June. But. despite his produc-tions popularity, the critics have had get good reviews 9 few kind words for his work.

*Of course it me, but I will not com-would be nice to get good reviews and to have those people value your work," Deane says, "but I don't believe I'm lowering the quali-ty of ballet by doing what I'm doing. If I didn't have to worry about hox office. I might choose different subjects, but I don't feel the quality of the work would be different.

"I'm not sitting here saying this is a masterpiece, how dare they criticise it. But if people are too snotty, if people have no room for change and are not open-minded enough to enjoy and find value in some thing a bit different, well,

that's their problem. My artistic level may be too commercial, too populist for some critics. If they want to get that anally retentive about it, fine; but it is not my bag to keep repeating the past.

"I don't necessarily think big is bad and I had a ball at the Albert Hall. We all did, it created enormous excitement in the dancers. Swan Lake is going to Australia and Japan in 1999 — to say nothing of playing another season at the Albert Hall."

First, though, comes The Nutcrucker, with an opening night cast headed by Lucia Lacarra, a Spaniard who has been dancing in Marseilles, and Robert Tewsley, an Englishman based in Stuttgart. Other guests will come from Brazil, Milan, New York and Amsterdam.

"Robert's career has been outside this country, but he is English, thank God." Deane says. "I'm always having my face slapped, and on some levels quite rightly so, for not employing more English dancers. Well, I would gladly employ English dancers if they were lined up outside the door and they would dance. But that houry, that dream, has yet to be offered to me."

The Nutcracker opens at the Mayflower, Southampton (01703 711811) on Thursday, and is at the London Colineum (0171-632 8300) London Coliseum (Ol from Dec 8 to Jan 10

STEVEN Isserlis's Dvořák is

so good in most parts that no one seems to mind very much if his account falls short of the vnose story. Certainly, for hi lyrical sensitivity and finely registered detail, he deserved every second of the prolonged applause bestowed on his performance with Stanislaw Skrowaczewski and the Hallé Orchestra in the Bridgewater Hall.

The more heroic aspects of Dvořák's Cello Concerto, however, had met with a comparatively leeble response from the soloist - nor through any lack of inspiration or effort (he was working so hard in one part that his tie fell off), but through an unfortunate limitation on his dynamic range. His purist reluctance to use metal strings is admirable but, when it comes to a work such as the Cello Concerto in a concert hall as big as this, its

wisdom is open to question. The first entry of the solo score with every kind of dynamic emphasis and massively equipped with double-

THE month-long Australia Festival at the Wigmore Hall came to a resounding close on

Friday with a second concert

by the Australian Chamber

Orchestra at the end of its European tour. This 17-strong

flagship ensemble prides itself

on its ability to tackle every-

thing from Baroque to con-

temporary repertoire,

extending the canon by taking

over chamber music proper in

Friday's concert revealed

both the advantages and the

dangers of such an approach.

On paper, the programme was an imaginative mix a

Concerto Grosso by Handel

(Op 6, No 6 in G minor), a Violin Concerto by Haydn (in C), works by Hindemith, Rav-

el and Peter Sculthorpe united

by a theme of mourning, and

Tchaikovsky's heartwarming

Souvenir de Florence to finish.

standing of Baroque style, with unidiomatic bowing and

articulation, drew little dis-tinction between the Handel

and Haydn concertos, though

director Richard Tognetti

latter with considerable flair.

played the solo part of the

Hindemith's Travermusik,

hastily concocted in a six-hour

stint in a BBC studio on the

George V, is superbly con-

In practice, a partial under-

expanded form.

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CONCERTS: Rough-hewn Dvořák in Manchester; Australians in London

stopped chords, is obviously intended to make an imposingly sonorous impression. On this occasion it, and passages like it, were frustratingly muffled. Fortunately, the Concerto is in the end a matter not of heroism but of emotionai intimacy. And there was no lack of the latter quality either in the cello part or in the orchestra. In Weber's Freischütz Over-

ture, and in parts of the Dvořák too, the Hallé sound seemed to have gone back ten years and even to have returned to the Free Trade Hall: it was refreshingly robust but coarse-grained in texture and rough at the edges. In Shosta-kovich's Sixth Symphony, on the other hand, Skrowaczewski combined something of the orchestra's developing

sophistication with the un-

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Chamber Orch

Wigmore Hali

ceived for the composer's own

instrument, the viola. Caro-

line Henbest gave an eloquent

for violin and string orchestra of Ravel's Kaddish, the first of the Deux mélodies heb-raiques, draws effectively on

spectral harmonics in the up-

per strings followed by no less

unearthly timbres from cello

and bass, to invoke the mood

If the spark of inspiration

was infrequent up to this

point, after the interval any

fatigue gave way to abandon.

for an affecting account of

Sculthorpe's Lament - a typi-

cally atmospheric response to

the Australian landscape -

and finally an invigorating

performance of the Souvenir

The electrifying end of the

first movement drew ap-

plause, but there was even

more passion to come in the

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equivocal directness which emerges from his own uncompromising honesty in interpretation.

The major problem with the Sixth Symphony is to protect

Sound reason for the questioning seriousness of the opening Largo from being undermined by the apparent "who cares?" attitude of the two duick movements ina follow and the celebration of music-hall vulgarity that comes at the end. The answer, Skrowaczewski demonstrated. is to make no attempt to modify the character of the work at either extreme. Play it for all it is worth, with no lack of long-term patience on the one hand and not without taking virtuoso risks on the other, and the underlying ironies make themselves un-

mistakably clear. GERALD LARNER

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

CASPAR BERRY

Age: 24.

Profession: Writer and

sometime director. Wasn't he in *Byker Grove*t "I was going out with a girl who auditioned for it. I was

the only boy there and the producer said 'Do you want to try out? I'd acted in amateur dramatics so I said 'Yeah'. That was two years in total. Then I became a failed actor, a has-been at 18."

But he was writing all this time? "Not really, I'd written for theatre and I was writing

music. But while I was doing Byker Grove, I made up my mind that I wanted to direct. In fact standing on the set on my first day I thought That is the job I want to do'. Two years later I wrote a short film and

So how did he get to do Stone in the Road?" I wrote to about a hundred companies and got nowhere. It was an 18-yearold's script but I believed passionately in what I was saying. So I put the money from Byker Grove into it."

And that opened doors? "People don't give you the next step up in this business unless you have your calling-card. Richard Johns of Pilgrim Films here in Newcastle saw it and most of the history since then has been channelled through him. I'm really happy here."

How did he get to make commercials shown on Tyne-Tees television? "Richard's great gift to me is that he doesn't stand on experience. He just says: You're hungry, I think you can do it, here's a 35mm commercial. He did just the same with Downtime: 'You can do it, write us a feature film.'"

What's Downtime about? "It's a love story action movie in which I tried to create what Spielberg is so good at: a realworld scenario fused with a filmic concept. I think British film is in the middle of a revolution. I've written four screenplays since."

When can we see Downtime! At the London Film Festival on November 22, or in the cinemas next February.

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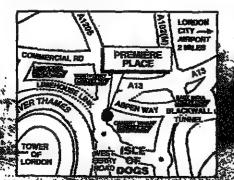
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Rental yields are nearly as

low as at their record low in 1989 and are still falling, says

value increases, a sure sign of

market overheating.
According to Ms Barnes,

rent rises do indicate an

underlying demand for hous-

ing, but capital values, which

are rising even faster, may reflect investor expectations of future rental growth.

"I believe that house prices

are currently too high in the

capital," she says, "but I also

believe that in the longer

term, the prospects for Cen-

tral London property are still

The Royal Institution of

Chartered Surveyors reports

that September, traditionally

among the busiest weeks for

viewing, was especially quiet.

Ian Stewart, from the RICS,

says: "The market was sub-

dued partly because of the death of Diana, Princess of

Wales, and the hot weather.

But we have also noticed a

lower level of activity and a

growing resistance among

buyers to overpricing. This

would seem to herald a more

There have been five inter-

est rate rises since May which

have added about £50 a

month to the cost of a £50,000

mortgage. The rate rises have

hit buyers at the bottom of the

market, which was making

The top end of the market

has slowed down as buyers

adjust to the Budget increases

the slowest recovery.

stable market."

Volande Barnes of Savills. Rents, though rising, bave not kept pace with capital

especially in London.

Broadside for a naval encounter

Plansfor one of Britain's finest landmarks. the Riyal William Yard in Plymouth, have

upsetconservationists, writes Rachel Kelly

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oiservationists have critiesed proposals from de-vlopers to turn one of kritain's finest naval landmark, the Royal William Yard in lymouth, into a factory shopping centre, flats, offices and multistory car park. Richart Pollard, secretary of

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Save Britin's Heritage, last week condemned plans by the developer, MEPC, a convert the ten 19thcentury killdings, once the Royal Navy's ictualling yard, into a shopping centre for end-of-line stock. Firt of the site will be allocatecfor 40 flats.

"Thesi plans threaten to defile some of Britain's most important building," he says. This is not just another listed building but an outstanding complex on a mommental scale The yard has the potential to be a model of

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sensitive re-use. It would be a tragic lost opportunity if the plans were acepted." The limestone and granit buildings were built letween 1824 and 1832 to the designs of

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Periala, is described in Pevsner's Buildings of England as "the first and most grandiloquent of the mounental compositions, created by the Victualling Board of the Navy liter the Napoleonic Wars". The yird is also among the most remarkable examples of an early 19th-century planned layout of industrial buildings anywhere in England. The buildings are topped and tailed with cornices and plinths of Comist granite. The yard has no fewer than seven Grade I listed

Phoenix Trust, his conservation body, is working on plans for one building within the site, Mills Bakery, which would become small-business premises and flats.

Kit Martin, director of the Phoenix Trust, says: The trust is developing a scheme to see whether a mix of uses within the mill and bakery might be possible. The site includes a group of buildings of outstanding national importance.

The Mills Bakery building covers about 160,000 sq ft and could include hundreds of flats priced from £50,000 to £200,000. It has a spectacular position overlooking the water at the site entrance. Mr Martin would like to include both

flats that people could buy, as well as others to rent for those on lower

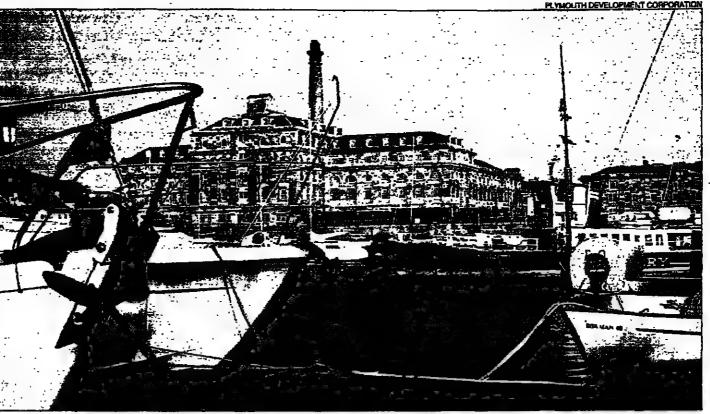
"We would include shops, cales and small business offices with the flats," he adds. "This scheme could play a vital part in the regeneration of this magnificent dockyard." The buildings, in-

cluding the former bakery, mill, and brewery that supplied with food and drink, remained in naval use until 1990. The decision to discontinue use of the yard was made after a costings estimate for the restoration of rundown buildings had found against their retention. They have since

been empty and disused.

The yard was handed over by the Ministry of Defence, with govern-ment subsidy, to Plymouth Urban Development Corporation.

Mr Pollard objects to MEPC's £60 million plan, which includes two 750-place car parks, and glass canopies to link the historic buildings and to shelter shoppers. One five storey car park would be built The Prime of Wales, through the into a grassy slope within the yard,



The Royal Navy's former Plymouth victualling yard: above, Mills Bakery and the Royal William Yard and, below, an aerial view



with a second four-storey one half a mile north of the site. "We think the scheme is too heavily biased towards shopping," says Mr Pollard, "which means that people would be coming by car. The car parks and the external canopies are

unacceptable." MEPC's scheme has already been unofficially adopted by the de-

partly on public sector grants to velopment corporation, the government agency that owns the disused cover restoration. A spokeswoman yard, and is working with MEPC to for the development corporation develop the site. It has given MEPC said it had received only a few local time to develop detailed plans and objections to the development: "We will decide in January whether it need to create a tourist attraction to draw people to the city. We also will officially back the scheme and apply to Richard Caborn, the need to back a mixed use, compre-Planning Minister, for government hensive and commercial scheme approval. The scheme would rely that will provide enough revenue to

parking. To make the site a success, we need people to come to it." Mr Collins also rejected criticism of the canonies because "they make

the site more friendly and attractive by linking the buildings". Conservationists favour another scheme suggested by a local ad hoc consortium, the Royal William Yard Development Company. The Malaysian Royal Family is backing

this scheme, which favours a mixed development, including housing. hotels and an art gallery. The Malay-backed scheme is designed by Huw Thomas Archi-

tects and supported by SAVE. The Winchester firm has a track record of sensitive conversions of historic buildings. Among its work is the Penisula Barracks in Winchester.

MEPC, Britain's third biggest property firm, working with the architect Benoy, would convert the building to a complex with 11,150 sq m of factory retail space. 1.100 sq m of office space, 40 flats and a 55-bedroom hotel. Mr Caborn will decide in Janu-

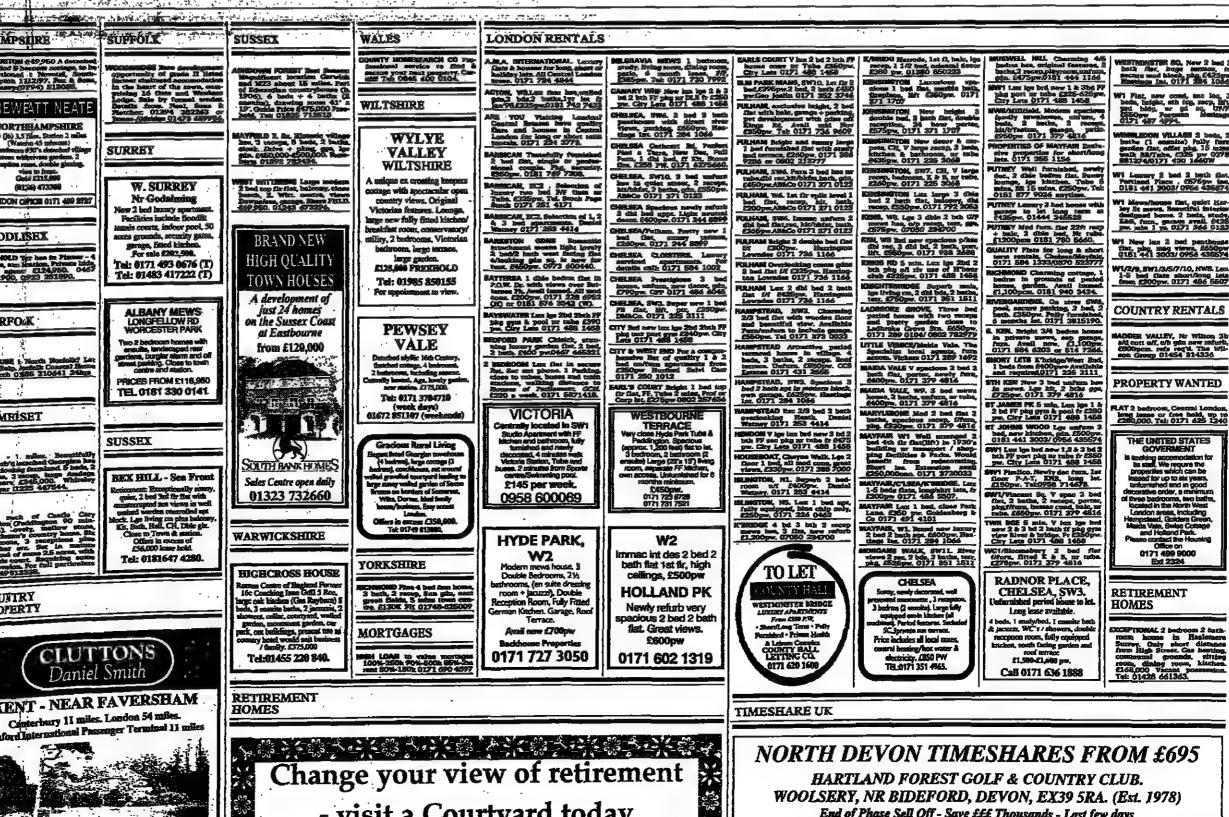
ary on the various schemes. It is to be hoped that he has read his

maintain these important buildings in the long term. The MEPC scheme seems to be the best for this." Jeremy Collins, of MEPC, says: The new development respects and enhances the buildings. The car park in the yard is screened by a perimeter wall and a grassy slope. It is naive not to provide car-

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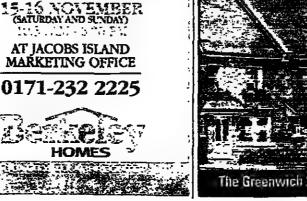
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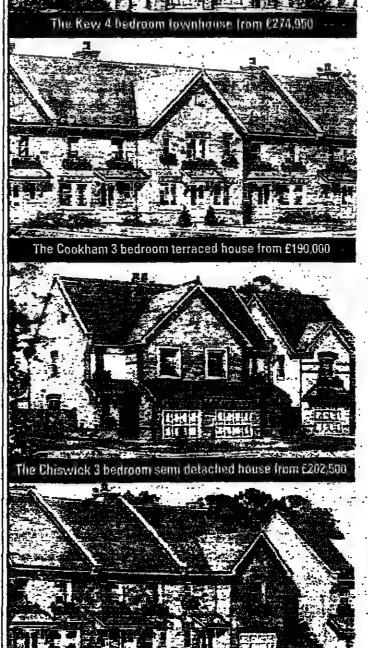
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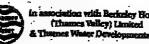
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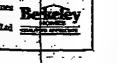
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Joint succession forbidden

Newham London Borough Council v Phillips Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice

Thorne Judgment October 30 An official form under section 89 of the Housing Act 1965 signed by two sisters to succeed their mother as secure tenants following her death and which was counter-

signed by the housing authority did not create a joint tenancy. The statutory provisions did not agreement between the sisters before signing the form that one of them only should succeed operated to vest the tenancy in that sister

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Newham London Borough Council from the dismissal of its claim for possession of 77 Clarence Road, Canning Town, by Judge Hornby in Bow County Court on November 1, 1996, on the ground that Josephine Phillips enjoyed a secure tenancy of the house under section 30 of the Housing Act 1980, now section 89 of the Housing Act 1985. The four-bedroomed house, had

been let on a secure tenancy to Mrs Iris Phillips. She died on October

Two of her daughters, Josephine

and Beryl, fulfilled the criteria set council; Miss Josephine Phillips in out in section 30 of the 1980 Act to persons succeed their mother as tenant. Following the death, there had been a family agreement that Josephine should be the successor.

On October 6, 1983, at the council's housing office both sisters signed a form headed: "To be signed by successor tenant". The form, that stated: "I am successor to the above-mentioned tenant under the provisions of section 30 of the Housing Act..." was countersigned by a housing officer.

Asked whether she objected to Beryl's name being put on the rent hook issued by the council, Jo-septime said she did not, providing it would not affect her own status as the successor tenant. Thereafter Josephine and Beryl lived in the house until 1993 when their relationship broke down.

Beryl then asked to be rehoused and, on advice from the council, she served a notice to quir on Josephine which purporte minate the tenancy with effect from October 17, 1994; see Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council v Monk (1992) 1 AC 478).

The judge held that the notice to quit was invalid as Josephine had succeeded to her mother's tenancy

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the council did not challenge the judge's finding that Josephine became the successor tenant by virtue of the family agreement shortly after her moth-

its case was that it was emitted to possession because either (i) when the form was signed on October 6. 1983, Josephine surrendered by operation of law the tenancy she had succeeded to immediately following her moth-er's death and replaced it with a joint tenancy, or (ii) Josephine was estopped by her conduct on Octoher 6 and subsequently from denying that she and Beryl were

matter of law the transmission of the tenancy under section 30 of the 1980 Act to the sisters as joint tenants was impossible: see

Dealer Properties Ltd v Brooks
(1965) 1 QB 542).

It was impossible to attribute to
Josephine a surrender of her

tenancy. Even if one regarded what was written in the document signed by the sisters as prima facie part of Josephine to be a joint successor tenant with Beryl, why should that lead to an inference of

tenancy rather than to the simple conclusion that Josephine alone inclusion of Bervi was of no effect?

Unless there was an act by Assephine pointing unequivocally to surrender by her of her tenancy by succession, no question of could arise. There was no such unequivotal act: rather

Turning to the council's alternative argument that Josephine was estopped from denying that she and Beryl were joint tenants, nothing that occurred on and after October 6, 1983 could have had the effect of potting an end to the tenancy. There was no basis on which a joint tenancy by estoppel could be said to have arisen. At best the council could argue for an estoppel preventing Jo-sephine from denying the existence of such a tenancy. However is could not succeed in the absence of

some evidence of detriment to the Moreover, given the judge's findings, Josephine's conduct after October 6 did not jury's a finding by her that Beryl was a joint

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Thorne agreed. Solicitors, Mr. J. D. Smith, East

Tribunals' power to regulate procedure

Eurobell (Holdings) pic v Barker and Another

Before Mr Justice Morison, Lord Gladwin of Clee and Miss A. Mackie

An order made by an industrial tribunal that there should be a simultaneous exchange of witness statements by both parties of all witnesses on whom each party intended to rely and that there should be no further witnesses called at the hearing without the leave of the tribunal was within the tribunal's powers under rules 9 and 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure Industrial Tribunal (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) Regula-

tions (SI 1993 No 2687). The Employment Appeal Triburnal so held when dismissing an appeal by the employers, Eurobell (Holdings) plc from an order made by an industrial tribunal sitting at Southampton on November 20, 1996, on complaints of unfair dismissal and breach of contract by the employees, Mrs K. Barker and Ms G. Markham. Rule 9 of the 1993 Rules

(I) The tribunal shall make such inquiries of persons appearing be-fore it and witnesses as it considers

appropriate and shall otherwise conduct the hearing in such manner as it considers most appro-priate for the clarification of the issues before it and generally to the just handling of the proceedings.

"(2) Subject to paragraph (1), at the hearing of the originating application a party shall be en-titled to give evidence. to call witnesses, to question any witness and to address the tribunal."

Rule 13 provides: "(I) Subject to the provision of these rules, a tribunal may regulate its own procedure."

Mr Jonathan Swift for the employers; the employees did not appear and were not represented. MR JUSTICE MORISON said that two questions were raised by

i What was the proper construc-tion of the 1993 Rules, and in particular rule (3(1)? 2 What was the status of a so-called practice direction issued by the President of the Industrial Tribunals from which it seemed that the preparation of witness state ments in advance of the hearing was regarded as a matter left to the parties' discretion and with which the tribunal's order was said to be

On the first issue, the appeal

osition in favour of the decision of the industrial tribunal. Case management by an industrial tribunal was critical 10 a fair, orderly, just and efficient hearing.

It would be regrettable if the rules were so construed that industrial tribunals were not entitled to regulate their own procedure in the way the Southampton industrial tribunal had done.

The right to call witnesses referred to in rule 9(2) was subject to rule 9(1). Sub-rule (1) permitted the tribunal to conduct the hearing in such manner as it considered most appropriate "for the clarification of the issues before it and generally to the just handling of the proceedings.
It seemed clear that a tribunal

would be entitled to require a party to sell it the substance of the evidence to be given by a witness before he or she was called to give

In appropriate cases a tribunal could require a party to provide it with a written statement of that witness's evidence so that it could carry out its duty under rule 9(1), whether under the power to regulate its own procedure or under the ferred by rule 16.

that a tribunal had the power to require a written statement of evidence in advance of the hearing. Rule 13(1) enabled a tribunal to require a party to do in advance of

hearing.
The direction issued by the President of the Industrial Tribunals had no standing in law. The functions of the president were set out in the 1993 Regulations. He was given no power to make power to make orders regulating the tribunals' procedure of a sort which was the equivalent to rule

the hearing what it could do at the

That said, the appeal tribunal could well understand the motives which prompted the president to make such a direction. In the opinion of the President of the Appeal Tribunal, it was desirable that the tribunals sought to agree on what was best practice from the point of view of the judicial management of proceedings and that if necessary, the President of the Industrial Tribunals should be given statutory power to make practice directions which applied

The appeal would be dismissed. Solicitors: Clifford Chance.

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No dissent reasons for arbitrator

Cargill International SA and Another v Sociedad Iberica de Molturacion SA and

Refore Mr. Justice Colman

[Judgment August 12] An arbitrator who disagreed with the majority view was not entitled to insist on inserting his dissenting reasons before signing the award as required by the rules, when there was no provision in the rules for him to do so.

Mr Justice Colman so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on originating summonses issued against each other by Cargill International S. Antigua (Geneva branch) and Cargill Incorporated on the one hand and Sociedad Iberica de Grain and Feed Trade Association Anthony G. Scott and Ronald J

Sir Nicholas Lvell, QC and Mr Mark Hoyle for Cargill: Mr Murray Pickering, QC, for SIMSA.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN Said that GAFTA, an important commodity association, provided arbitration facilities in London for parties from all over the world and was the arbitration forum selected by the contract between the parties should a dispute arise.

arbitrations: there was a first tier to be appointed by each of the two parties to the dispute and the third to be appointed by GAFTA; then there was a second tier or appeal stage which was conducted by way appeal consisting of members appointed by GAFTA.

Rule 3 of GAFTA's rules pro-

vides: "(8) If an arbitrator dies, or capable of acting, or fails to proceed with the arbitration... the party appointing such arbitrator shall torthwith appoint a

substitute..."
Rule 7 provides: "(i) Alt awards of arbitration shall be in writing on an official form issued by the association and shall be signed by the sole arbitrator or by all

bers of the tribunal... (2) The award shall state the arbitrators' reasons therefor and whether any sum awarded carries

interest thereon." When a dispute arose between the parties to the sale contract each party appointed an arbitrator. SIMSA appointed Mr Bridge Cargill apointed Mr Scott; and GAFTA appointed Mr Marshall. Mr Scott and Mr Marshall had

signed an award relating to the dispute but Mr Bridge had not because he wished to have inserted in the award his own reasons different from the reasons of the other two arbitrators.

The other two arbitrators were unwilling to permit him to insert his own reasons into the award. GAFTA stated that rule 7(1)

required the award to be signed by respective of whether or not one of the members was in full or part agreement with the final decision. Cargill called on SIMSA to appoint a substitute arbitrator under rule 3(8) but SIMSA de-

clined, asserting that the fact that an arbitrator refused to sign an award did not of itself constitute a refusal to act within rule 3(8). Accordingly, GAFTA, under rule 3(7) appointed Mr Short on behalf appointed Mr Short on penan SIMSA as a substitute

SIMSA now applied for a declaration that the appointment of Mr Short as arbitrator was tion to determine the dispute. They argued that if an arbitrator

wished to insert dissenting reasons into a first tier award, he should be entitled to do so and he did not in so requesting refuse to act or fail to proceed with the arbitration even if declined to sign the award unless he was permitted to insert

SIMSA said it was absolutely fundamental to an arbitrator's duty that he should be given the opportunity of expressing a dissenting view, in particular in a first tier arbitration as here, where the availability of that view on the hearing of an appeal might be of considerable importance and

assistance. His Lordship construed the rules. He said that rule 7(1) made it clear that all the members of the tribunal were to sign an arbitration award. Rule 7(2) made it clear that each award issued should state the arbitrators' reasons for

the award. In rule 7(2) it was instructive to observe that the provision was that the award should state the ararbitrators on the dispute in question, should contain the reasons for

that conclusion. Accordingly, rule 7(2) took no account of arbitrators' views which in the case of a minority view might not be the reasons for the award in question. Rule 7(2) was concerned exclusively with the award which the majority made and with the reasons which were

the reasons for that award. If an arbitrator dissented in the sense that he was unable to agree with the majority view, it was accepted on behalf of SIMSA that the majority view prevailed in the sense that an award could only be suggested that awards had to be

Accordingly, given that rule 7(1) and rule 7(2) envisaged that all GAFTA awards in which there were three arbitrators would be signed by all the members of the awards would be either an award the tribunal agreed or would be majority awards, it had to follow that there was an obligation on each of the members of the tribunal to sign each sward regardless of whether he agreed or did not agree with the view of the

If an arbitrator declined to sign an award which was a majority gward on the ground that he w precluded from inserting or the other arbitrators were unwilling to permit him to insert his own reasons into the award for the view which he held, it was quite impossible to contend that he was

complying with rule 7(1). It was not open to an arbitrator own dissenting view being inserted into an award and to withhold his signature of the award until that was done.

Mr Pickering contended that that was professionally unaccept-able to an independent arbitrator

expressed the conclusion of the and to the whole system of commercial arbitration, because it was requiring an arbitrator to put his signature to something with

which he did not agree. His Lordship was unable to accept that argument. It was absolutely clear to anybody who was concerned with first tier made on a majority basis and that the signature of members of the tribunal to a particular award did

not indicate at all that any single member of the tribunal agreed with the final conclusion. The only assumption that could be made in relation to the views of the individual members of the tribunal was that at least two of them supported the final conclu sion and the award as published No assumption could be made as which two and there was no

reason why the appoin arbitrators should be informed as members of the tribunal in respect The argument that it was imfor the purposes of the appeal system in GAFTA was misconceived. It might well be that it would be useful to have all possible

views on the submissions of the respective parties, but at the end of the day the appeal system involved It clearly started from the existing award which had been made on a first tier arbitration and as

part of that award it had the reasons of at least the majority for arriving at the conclusion which was the basis of the award. Therefore GAFTA had not misapplied rule 3(8). An orbitrator who would not sign an award for an unjustifiable reason was an arbitrator who either refused to act

or failed to proceed with the arbitration within rule 3(8) and accordingly the substituted ar-bitrator had been validly appointed by GAFTA under rule 3(7) Solicitors: Mr Brian Perrott,

Complaint fell outwith rules

Corneil, Ex parte Stewart

and Others A person whose complaint to the General Medical Council about a medical practitioner's professional conduct was unsupported by a statutory declaration or affidavit was not a "complainant" under rules 17, 20 and 48 of the General

Medical Council Preliminary

Proceedings Committee and Pro-

fessional Conduct Committee

(Procedure) Rules Order of Council

(\$1 1988 No 2255), and, accordingly, he was not entitled to receive

documentation relating to the

Regina v General Medical GMC's inquiry into the misconduct complained of, or to attend the inquiry except as a member of the

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment on October 8, when dismissing the application of lan Stewart and others for judicial review of the GMC's decision to refuse (i) to provide them with documentation relating to its in-quiry into the professional conduct of three doctors by whom they had been treated; and (ii) to allow them to be present throughout the

inquiry, including when in cam-

HIS LORDSHIP said that for the purposes of those rules "complainant" meant the person whose complaint was being proceeded

That could not be the applicants first, because rule 6(2) provided that no complaint could proceed beyond consideration by the screening committee unless supported by statutory declaration or affidavit; and second, because the solicitor to the GMC made the in the charges against the doctors.

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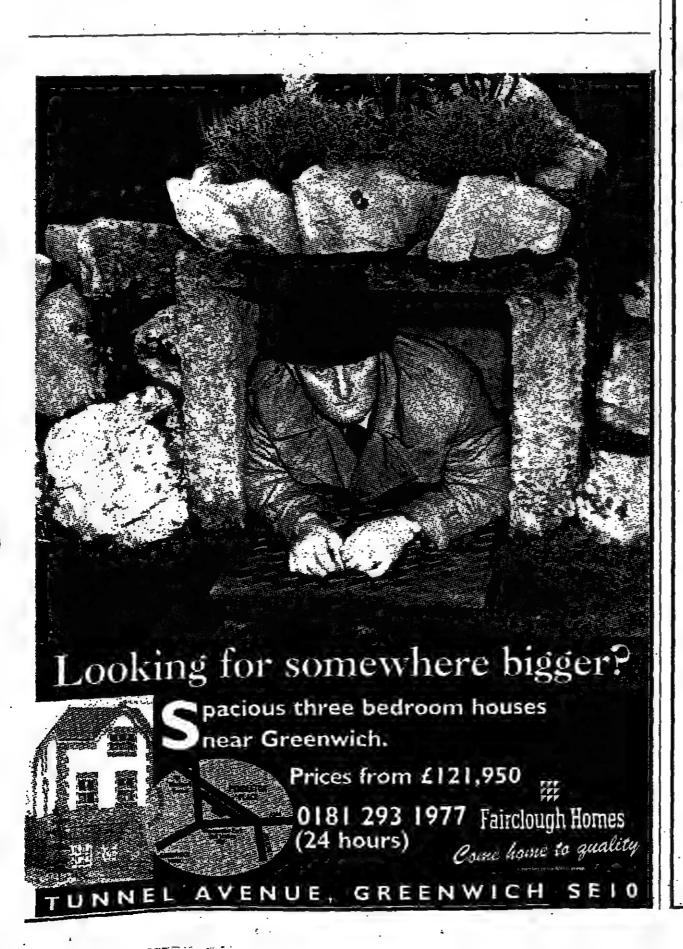
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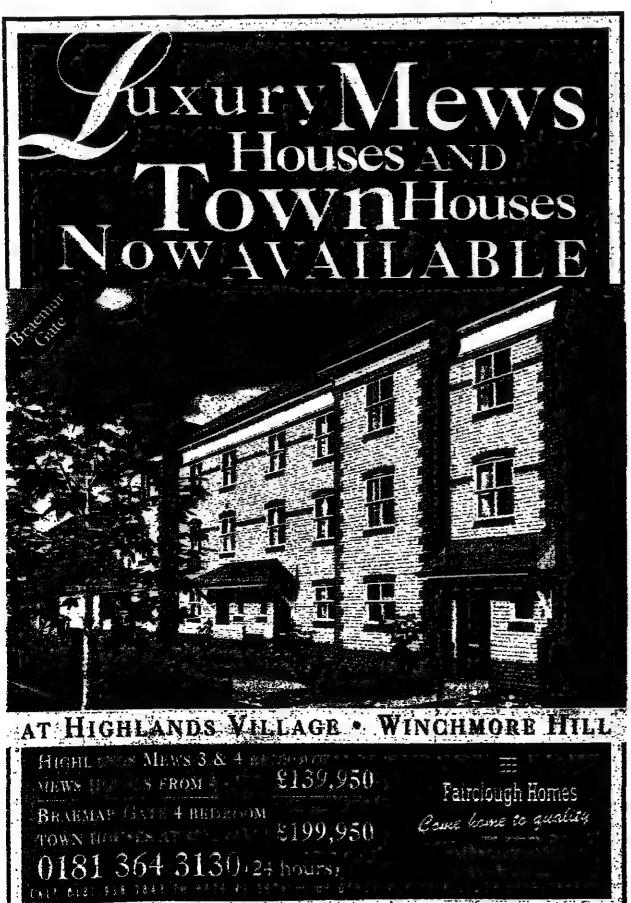
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Dispute ruffles feathers at Jackdaws Castle

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

MEL DAVIES, the high-profile racehorse owner behind the recent unsuccessful attempt to set up a new racecourse in Wales, is being sued for £20,000 in a sponsorship dispute involving Jackdaws Castle, the training base of David Nicholson.

The disagreement concerns an unpaid sponsorship bill and how many of the 108 horses trained by Nicholson were covered by a £40,000-a-year deal involving Faucets, a company distributing bath-room equipment which is run by Davies. The Welshman, who owned

Barnbrook Again, the former champion two-mile chaser, and has two horses in training with Nicholson, agreed to a £50,000 deal in March 1996 for Faucets to sponsor Jackdaws Castle. That figure was subsequently reduced to £40,000 when the owners of Viking Flagship, the dual Queen Mother Champion Chase winner, and a small number of other horses said they did not wish to be covered by the agreement.

Nonetheless, an option to

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further year was taken up last October but Davies has paid only half the £40,000 owing because of, he claims, the number of horses not covered

by the sponsorship. Colin Smith, of Ford Farm Racing, the partnership which owns Jackdaws Castle has had several conversations with Davies but has now.

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accepted the non-payment as repudiation of the contract with Faucets and informed the British Horseracing Board (BHB) that the sponsorship has been terminated. He is now seeking a new sponsor for the Cotswolds yard.

The dispute is something of

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHERHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT .

In the first two matches of this year's BBL Premier League there

were two hands which revolved round a similar theme in clubs

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and diamonds. This is the first of them.

as he is a council member of the Horse Racing Sponsors' Association and has played a leading role as a member of the Racehorse Owners' Association, selling the collective sponsorship rights of some

also sponsors several races, said yesterday: "I was hoping this could be resolved without this nonsense. We were, and still are, hopeful that it can be resolved. It is a strange scenarin when someone has put £60,000 into a yard for sponsorship, protecting the interests of the VAT concession for 70plus owners, that they are

Davies, whose company

treated so badly."

He stressed that the dispute thid not involve Nicholson. He said: "I hope my relationship with him will remain as it always has been -- amicable." Davies intimated Turning Trix and Bramblehill Duke. his pair of horses at Jackdaws Castle, would remain in training with Nicholson.

At Newbury yesterday, Sanmartino continued his hurdling education with a

> By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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Scholarship the world cham-

pion took on several players at

the same time at Oakham last

week. Today's game, from that

display, sees him overpower-ing the Oakham chess coach. Black chose a somewhat pas-

sive defence, and then com-

pounded matters by

mistiming a central counter-

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pion showed him no mercy.

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Black: Graham Lee

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and is likely to return to the Berkshire course at the end of this month for the Gerry Feilden Hurdle. All being well, the 1995 Ebor winner will then go for the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton.

The only semblance of a mistake came at the third last, where the first hurdler to run in Khaled Abdulla's silks clipped the top of the obstacle. However, he possessed too much finishing speed for his three rivals and won by six

"So far, it has gone according to plan and we are pressing the right buttons. He's a smashing horse to train and loves decent ground," Nicholson said. Although Sanmartino is 16-1 for the Champion Hurdle, the trainer is not committing himself. "We can always go up in trip. He has won at two miles five round Liverpool, but at the moment the plan is to stick to two miles."

Nicholson intends to run Destin D'Estruval and Potters Bay in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturbloodless victory in the day, with Adrian Maguire

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NORTHERN STARLIGHT has taken well to chasing and can continue his want

3.20 WINTERBOURNE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

4-3F123 FAUSTINO 16 (BF.F.) (Bits-ook '4) P Hobbs 5-11-10 ... R Thombus 107 1312-P2 DR ROCKET 9 (F.G.S.) (Rocketers) R Dotson 12-10-13 ... X Azpura 108 P0002-2 BLACK STATEMENT 14 (B Maylor) J Editori 7-10-0 ... L Aspell 90

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FAUSTINO, cutclessed here yesterday, faces an easier lask

3.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier 52,921: 2m 110yd) (12 numers)

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1998: AFRION 5-11-0 J Osborne (8-11 las) O Sherwood 17 ner

FORMA FOCUS

Big Pents 8941 7th to Brambiahall Duke in 2m Haydock NH Rat race (good). Billingsgate 7741 4th to Mr Marktonn in 2m 14H flat race (good) country Beau beat Bolden Eagle 11 in 2m NH flat nace have (good) with Bessie Browne (same terms) 171 4th. News Flash 521 7th to Splended Thyrine or course and distance novue hardle (soil). Pedfar's Cross 131 5th to Landler in 2m Dowester NH flat race (good) with Ratesbast 94t last of 14 to Garllax in 2m Ascot NH flat race (good). Skycab 151 4th to Red Groot in 2m Towester NH flat race (good to soil). Bessie Browne 171 4th to Gatflax in 2m Huntingdon NH flat race (good)

CHERRYMORE can out his hurdling experience to good use

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

1,00 Raffles Rooster, 1.30 Kernikuze, 2.00 BOLD STATEMENT (nap), 2.30 Henry Cone, 3.00 Todd. 3.30 Tidebrook, 4.00 Dirty Dozen.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.00 ASTLEY MOVICES HURDLE

(\$2,758; 2m 4f) (22 runners)

1.30 DUNLEY CHASE (Limited handicap: £4,500: 2m 7f 110yd) (6)

9-4 Decision Collegent, 3-7 Larry's Lord, 7-2 Orseell Lad, 9-2 Ramilians, 7-1 Tearnets, 20-1 Call Hunte 2.00 COLWALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,399: 2m) (7)

204 211- BOLD STATEMENT 172 (D.F.B.S.) T Fester 5-10-3 M Walkerson 139 305 121- ISLAMD WSDM 481 (D.F.) J USBO 7-10-5 ... Marin Smit (7) 122 030-4 WSS ROBERTO 22 (D.S.S.) J OSBO 4-10-4 ... T J Marin 191 122 207 234- WADADA 2047 (CD.F.S.) D Burchell 6-10-2 D J Burchell 129 9-4 Bold Statement, 4-1 Garolo, 11-2 televid Vinters, 5-1 Warlack, 7-1 Society Genet, 6-1 Pricelighter, Miss Roberto.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: 1 Nicholson, 28 vinners from 90 namers, 31.1%; P Nicholis, 15 from 58, 25.9%; C Mann, 7 from 31, 22.6%, K Basiey, 24 from 102, 22.0%; Mass V Williams, 4 from 10, 21.1%; P Hobbs, 26 from 105, 20 6%.

2.30 EGDON MOVICES CHASE (E3,550: 3m) (10) 10-11 Month An Eye, 9-2 Lancappins Jol, 8-1 Wandering Light, 16-1 Others

3.00 LEVY BOARD HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(22,001. 201) (10)

201 (30) RESMARIO 204 W Junie 7-12-0 ... 7 Junies

502 313 BERNARIO SEVEN 21F (E) M Dots 5-11-7 ... A Margaine

503 326- ALEME JOKER 207 P Hobbs 4-11-2 ... R Derwoody

504 SP-6 HEART 23 Mee H Noight 4-10-11 ... J. Chitoty

505 30- GRARDIUS BOOK 25 (S) C Mann 6-10-9 ... MWitnesson

506 02-6 CARROLLS BOOK 25 (S) C Mann 6-10-9 ... Mingrey (2)

507 050- MINILE SEVERS 167 J K Creatwell 5-10-2 ... O Verco

508 007- TDDO 205 A H Havey 6-10-0 ... J. A McCartly

509 004-007 ABC 185 C Denais 6-10-0 ... Minitin Sensit (7)

510 07-8 OUT OF THE BULK 20 M Enday 5-10-0 ... Sophie Miniting (5) 5-2 Alpine John, 7-2 Bernerd Seven, 5-1 Burmian; Boy, 6-1 Hant, 8-1 others.

3.30 LENCHES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,655: 2m) (5) 601 511- TIDEBROOK 183 (D.G) K Baley 7-12-0 H William 602 387- HAMRGELD 817 (D.S) F Politis 5-11-13 R Domini 602 387-0 ZAITOOK 25 (D.F.S) U Nethelson 6-11-13 A Ma 604 CS5- PESIMAPRIK 250 (D.R.S) Mrs A Woodow 14-10-11 G Hogen (3) 97
586 GOLV WHISPERING COURT 588 A Tornel 7-18-3 ____ C Ren (7) _

4.00 WYCHBOLD N H FLAT RACE (£1,518: 2m) (22)

GONCHOBOR 188 (CD.S) K Bailey 5-11-11 ... W Welsh (7)
11- VITAL RSUE 256 (D.S) J J GWell 5-11-11 ... W Welsh (7)
124 ARRAYDOURLEYOU 14 May 5 Smith 4-11-4 ... R Genet
24 ARRAYDOURLEYOU 14 May 5 Smith 4-11-4 ... Mr J Smith 6-11-4 ... B Wyone
CAPTARK OATES W Behneti 4-11-4 ... D J Salsopher
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OBTY Y GOZEN 0 Micholson 5-11-4 ... R Massey (3)
1- NYME BOOTS P R Welshe 4-11-4 ... J A McCarthy
ST- GLACIAL KING 220P (G) X Behnep 5-11-4 ... S Sepole (8)
ADLEGON 3BL C Marin 5-11-4 ... S Sepole (9)
ADLEGON 3BL C Marin 5-11-4 ... Mr P Scott SAMPREY ROBOT Miss S Exempts 4-11-4 . O Bustones (5) TEMPERED STEEL D Gambalo 6-11-4 . B Mechall 7HE DAMEANS SCOTO Miss S Exempts 5-17-4 W Exempts (7) D AMERTON HEATH 32 B Beogh 4-10-13 . Bary Lyonis LADY CASH D Gambalo 4-10-3 . A Magainn PETITE BARR A Furnal 6-10-13 . G Fine (7) 30 REDMANDED B D Stace 8-10-13 . R Jahrson

☐ Richard Dunwoody will ride Mr Mulligan in the Sean Graham Chase at Ayr on Saturday, the jockey's agent, Robert Parsons, announced yesterday. The Cheltenham Gold Cup winner has pleased Noel Chance, his trainer, on the gallops.

3-1 Vital Issue, 4-1 Concholor, Dirty Dezen, 5-1 Abroystoubleyou, 9-1 others.

Grimes, the promising Christy Roche-trained hurdler, will miss the Murphy's Draughtflow Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham on Sunday.

1.10 China Castie, 1.40 Pentiands Flyer, 2.10 Brancher, 2.40 Boarding School, 3.10 Wayuphill. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

1.10 DEVINE LINE DANCING NOVICES HURDLE (£2,416: 2m 110yd) (18 numers)

(\$2,416; 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1 SPANSH NERDIET IS 6; D Smot 10-11-5 P River

2 B - CHINA CASTILE 296; P Restain 4-10-12 M Footer

3 00 DIAMOND CROWN IS M Wave 6-10-12 R M-Footer

4 SERSY MAR 15F M Dock 4-10-12 R M-Footer

5 SCOCARS SGFT A Weblines 4-10-12 S Storey

6 69- MOUNTAIN DREAM 299 R Akan 4-10-12 B Storey

7 49- MY SUSTES 292 Miss M Millingon 5-10-12 B Storey

8 MY SUSTES 292 Miss M Millingon 5-10-12 N Smoth

9 DAYS MT GUILLY 158 H Lobreson 5-10-12 S Taylor (5)

10 0-53 PERSUASIVE TALBIT 13 D Lords 6-10-12 R Sambly

12 WHAT THE HECK P Chestrough 5-10-12 R Sambly

13 -643 AMBIER HOULY 11 (Dison 8-10-7 T M Migliony

14 /P4- CELTIC COMMA 230 W Rend 6-10-7 T Rend

15 0-3 DELISTITION 13 R Weam 6-10-7 C M-Commark (7)

16 4 MISST WARTED 21F W Michanum 4-10-7 L March Borner IS

18 32 SHETS A WINNER 11 F Michanum 4-10-7 L Sanding (7)

5-2 Toursability, 7-2 China Caste, 8-2 Spanish Verden, 10-1 Amber Holly, She's A Winner, 14-1 Rig Doil, 16-1 My Buste, My Codene, 20-1 others.

1.40 ashleybank investments reg tweedie NOVICES CHASE (£4,026: 3m 1f) (5)

1 2-11 PENTLANDS R.V.ER 18 (F.B) H Johnson 6-11-12 — A Dobbia 2 U221 KINSS MÜNSTHAL 11 (F.D.F.B) O Lamb 7-11-6 ... J Bunts 3 PO-F MANICA 22 M Dobs 7-11-6 ... J Rend 4 720 WOODFORD GALE 302 Miss I Ressel 7-11-0 ... B Storey 6 4-88 ADE MEMORRE 11 (5) B Johnson 8-10-9 ... K Judiscon 1-3 Pentlands Flyer, 5-1 Kings Minstell. B-1 Aldo Memotra. 20-1 Memica. 25-1 Woodfood Golfe.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: Mrs M Revelor, 38 winders from 122 manners, 32.6%, M Hammond, 25 from 100, 25.0%, J Fitogrand, 4 from 20, 20.0%, H Johnson, 16 from 83, 19.3%; Mrs J Georgiellow, 5 from 50, 18.0%, R Allins, 12 from 77, 19.2%. JOCKEY'S: E Cadlantan, 4 minutes from 11 notes, 36.4%, P liften, 49 hom 140, 35.0%, B Gardley, 12 June 54, 22.2%, A Dobbin, 28 from 153, 18.3%, J Supple, 6 from 40, 15.0%.

2.10 GLENMUR SPORTSWEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,723: 2m 2l) (8)

1 436 CONTRAFRE 39 (F) A Whillatt, 5-11-19 ... E Callaghan (8)
2 223- R-YANNAY BLUES 15F (BF 6) libs M Revoley 5-11-8 ... P Reven
3 351- COMMANDER GLEN 338 (CO.P. M Hammond 5-11-4 R Gentally
4 232P WBL APPOINTED 5 (C.F.6) B Machagons 1-11-3 S. Lee (3)
5 A-P CANNY CHRONICLE 5 (B.G.5) P Montanth 9-11-4 ... A Dobbin
6 4 BPANCHER 25 (F.6) J Human 5-11-1 ... D Pauler
7 4446 ASTRALEON 11 (C.F.5) R Alban 9-10-12 ... 8 Machagons 1-6
8 CC-1 CHINA KING 160 (F.G.) J RicGezald 5-10-9 ... 8 Storny 5-2 China King, 7-2 Commendes Glen, 4-1 Physicsy Blues, 7-1 Caritaline, Branches, 8-1 Well Appointed, 10-1 Astralego, 33-1 Carny Chronicle

2.40 TAYERN HANDICAP CHASE (£5,158: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

1 224- CELIDH BOY 242 (CD.F.E.S) Mrs J Goodshiow 11-11-10 5-2 Cheraic Contact, 3-1 Boarding School, 7-2 Wester George, 5-1 Cellidit Boy, 6-1 Bullyline, 10-1 Road By The River

3.10 scottisk sports and foundation handicap chase (£3,323; $2m\ 1))\ (4)$

11-10 Wayuphili, 9-4 Brar's Delight, 7-2 Coqui Lanz, 10-1 Gone Ashore.

3.40 LANGHOLM DYEING COMPANY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,346: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

| Fare | Florente | Fl 3-1 Onyonome, 3-2 Foor From Home, 5-1 Memble, 6-1 Fame And Fantasy More Chatapagne, 8-1 Moonlight, Venture, 10-1 Musty Solem, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED PRIST TIME: Kelso: 210 Carry Chronicle. Newbury: 1.50 Snow Board

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

1.50 (2m 110yd Indie) 1. Wise King (C Lie-weiyn, 7-2 j-law); 2. Moon Devi (6-1), 3. Haniequin Chonus (6-1). Single Sourchy, 7-2 ji-law 9 ran 24, nk. J Old. Tole £47, £2.20, £3 70, £1 80. DF: £30 70. Tho-£16.00. CSF £30 01. Tracest £130.21 2.20 (2m 41 ch) 1, Super Tectica (/ Thermon, 7-4 p-lev), 2, Strong Medicine (2-1), 3, Stalety Home (7-4 p-lev) 3 ran 1/41, hd R Ainer Tote: 02 60 DF: 02 60 CSF CA 85

2.50 (2m 110yd hole) 1. House Captain (R Durecco), 7-2, Richard Eversi's rap), 2, Go-Intermal (6-1); 3, Balansi, (8-1) Cou-beri 5-2 tay 5 and NR: Lough Tully 29-1, 4 J Fitogerald, Tote Ca 10; \$2,30, \$2,30 DF \$14.60, \$25F \$19.56

Maguete, 249 kw; Thunderer's nept. 2, Who Hand (7-1), 3, Ele Agget Mou (83-1) 4 ran 6, hd D Nicholson, Tote, £1.20, DF £2.10, CSF-£2.14

\$1,10, \$3 10, \$1 10. DF: \$25 70. C8F \$32,10

Placepot: £30.90 Ludlow

Going: good (good to film in pieces) 1,10 (2m Indie) 1, Colway Prince (G Hogan, 5-2 tavi; 2, Little Hooligan (7-2), 3, Galloping Gune (7-2), 7 an. Hd, ah hd, A Janes Tota & 60; C240, £1.50, DF 55.20 CSF £11.41 No bid 25.20 CSF 2114 No Did 1.40 (2m 91 110)ut hole) 1, Mr Bolangiae (D Bridgweiser, 7-1), 2, Tuckers Town (9-4 fay); 3, Sandy Floes (7-2), 8 ran 4, 18t, 1 Williams Tota 68 30, 22,30, 21 10, 21 70 DF: £14.10 CSF £23 18. 2.10 (3m ch) 1, Pensien View (Mr R Walkey, 13-8); 2, Bayerd (5-4 Jav) 3, Ocean Leader (5-2) 3 nat. kl, dist. k Balley Tota, \$2.30 OF: £1.20 CSF; £3.78 2.40 (2m hole) 1, Midas (G Supple, 7-2); 2, Damond Hell (2-1), 3, Teluk (25-1); Blowing Rock 11-8 law 8 can 20, 71 M Pipe Tole; 24 60; E1 20, E1 20, E3 20 DF E\$.40 CSF: £10 06.

Johnson, 1-2 fav); 2, Rossell Island (R-2); 3, Gutteridge (16-2); 3 nan 3/kl, 18i D. Nicholson, Toler C1 60 DF C1.50 CSF 3.40 (2m ch; 1. Grundon (J R Kavanagh, 10-1); 2. Trouvalle (5-2), 3. Freno (11-10 lay) 5 ran. 1'41, 61 Mrs L Taylor Toe 514.80; 63.30 61.80. DF: 522.80 CSF: 53.71

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4.10 (2m fiel) 1, Precidentine (Aft O McPhal, 10-1), 2, Greatest Friend (3-1); 3, Flushing Speil (16-1) Memphis Blaze 9-4 (av 10 zan 8), 24) A Carroll Totic £13.70; C3.70, £1.40, C3.80 DF, £14.80 fie: £22,30 C5F; £27.30 Placepot: £109.30 Quadpot: £29.40

Sedgefield

Going: good
1,00 (3m 3f 110yd hdie) 1, Poto Pony (J. Supple, 3-1 tay): 2, Community Service (14-7); 3, Tyndrum Gold (100-1): 9 rsn 5, 71, J. Upson Tole: 23 60; 21 60, 23.00, 57.30. DF: 247 10, Trio: 2228 80, CSF: 23 81 Tricast £3.043.56. 1.30 (2m 5s 110yd holle) 1, Old Hush Wing M Foster, 5-2), 2, Skillwise (11-10 fav) 3, Young Saffy (6-1) 11 fan 7, 291 P Hastam Toter 23 40: 21 30, 21-20, 21 90 DF 62 50. Inc 66:30 CSF 65 94. 200 (2m 110)d ch) 1, Val De Rama (P Nicen, 7-2), 2, Maple Bay (10-1), 3, Shutan (33-1), Symbol Of Success (f) 11-10 bay 6 fan. 11, dist. Denys Smith Tote 53 50; £1 80, £2.20, DF: £19 90, CSF: £29 80 230 (2m 11 hdb) 1, Country Orchid (G Lee, 11-2) 2, Legal Right (9-1), 3, Thrower (13-8 tax) 8 ram. 91, 2kl. Mrs M Reveley Tote 25.80 C 1.80, 12.70, \$1.10 DF: \$33.00 CSF: \$50.71. CSF: ESO.71.
30.00 (3m 3f ch) 1. Slideoffell (P Carberry, 11-4 law), 2. Tudor Fellow (7-1), 3. D'Arblay Street (4-1), 8 ran 4l, 24l J J O'Nail, Tote: E3 60; E1 30, C1.50 C210 DF: £20.80. CSF £19.55 Tracast: £67.77

CSF E19 St. (Chipped Out (F Car-berry, 2-1 lav), 2, Rep Crossing (4-1); 3, Fryup Satellife (9-2), 11 ran, 9, deci. M Todhunler, Toto 2390, 6190, 6200, 250, DF: 67 70, Tro. £10 70, CSF; £10.29 4.00 (27) 51 10/0 hote) 1, Topotheronth-racing (B Gretten, 5-1) 2, Hobbs Choice (9-2): 3, Poppy's Bream (7-2) Spritzer (5th) 5-4 lay 7 ran Ns, 181 P Beaumont Tote 58,00; £3 70, £2.20 DF €18.10, CSF, 25-607

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (part won. Pool of £4,095.01 carried forward to Worcester Placepot: £72.20 Quadpot: £16.30.





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All Pass Contract: Four Spades by South: Lead: ace of hearts.

The above auction occurred at hasn't West led one. Thus with several tables. At one table no communication between West continued with the jack of hearts at trick two, and declarer won with the king, discarding a diamond from hand. He played a diamond to the eight, nine and ten, and West continued with ace and another diamond to the nine and West diamond. That enabled East toruff one of dummy's diamonds. winners. After overruffing, declarer was a trick short - he made six spades, a heart, a

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diamond and a club. The better line is to leave the king of hearts in dummy for later use. By playing the jack of hearts at trick two. West established a tenace in dummy over his Qx of hearts. Thus

he will not be able to exit in It is clear that East must

a. A Greek breathing

b. An Amerindian

b. A Borneo lingo

c. A budgerigar

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c. A cane

a. A.prickie

making two diamonds tricks. This line would also succeed if East's diamonds were 10x or 10xx. The Lederer Memorial Tro-

West and East, the best line is

to try to make two diamond

tricks. Declarer should ruff

the second heart, and play

three rounds of spades ending

in dummy. Now he plays a

cannot prevent declarer from

phy, played at the weekend, was won by the President's team, Bernard Teitscher, Tony Priday, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin and Geoffrey Breskal. Ireland

were runners up.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

have eight clubs - else why VORD WATCHING TO

a. Ready in Greek

By Philip Howard

c. The Albanian ruler NOCEUR a. A libertine b. A nut-seller c. A story teller

b. A straw hat

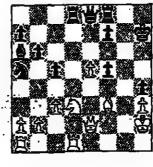
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Answers on page 50

Complete Market Market By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Reti - Streat, Sche-veningen 1923. Black has a nasty pin against White's knight on d3, so White has to strike quickly against the ex-posed black king. What its the surprising coup that netted him a:

Solution on page 50



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ALMOST as if the fates had given Glenn Hoddle one chance, and one chance only, to prepare for an England match with a full complement with Italy last month and presented him with a slew of problems in advance of the international on Saturday

Adams, part of the spine of the refers, saw a specialist yester-Added to the fact that Teddy Sheringham will return to Old

opportunity. Even before the news of the injury to the Arsenal captain was an-nounced, the West Ham United sweeper seemed set to figure in Hoddle's plans, but he now has a heightened chance of winning his first cap by playing from the start, even though the England coach in-sisted yesterday that it was too late to consider the introduction of the sweeper system for the World Cup finals next year. Hoddle, though, did

rule out playing Ferdinand as one of a back three or four and he took as his theme the idea that he will go to Prance without a best Il in his mind, but rather with a series of options that he could employ in different circumstances.

ly-unveiled royal plaque.

force Hoddle's hand

of players, they abandoned the clean bill of health that they gave him for the showdown against Cameroon at Wern-bley.

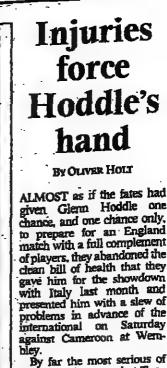
these was the news that Tony team to which Hoddle often day about a recurrence of an ankle injury and will require an operation that will keep him on the sidelines for a minimum period of six weeks.

Trafford for treatment on his damaged knee today and that there are also concerns about a heavy cold afflicting Paul Scholes and niggling injuries picked up by Gary Neville and Andy Cole, Hoddle may be forced to indulge in the kind of experimentation that he had hoped to avoid.

Adams's misfortune could prove to be Rio Ferdinand's

"If you go with a best 11 and two of them get injured or suspended, then you feel in a negative mood," Hoddle said, and I do not went to trensmit that feeling to the players. I have got more than 22 quality players in this country, anyway. They know it is going to be a bell of a scremble for pracesand will have to break a few hearts."

☐ Ray Houghton, the experienced Reading midfield player, missed the ireland training session in Dublin vesterday as the team began its preparations for the second leg of the World Cup play-off against Beigium in Brussels on Saturday. Houghton, 35, has a heel



pect, such a vision of elegance as he glides out of the West Ham United defence, hinting at the kind of class in the weeper role that Glenn Hoddle so desperately desires. that everyone is praying this particular teenager stays on the straight and narrow. So far, the omens have not been good, but no one who loves nglish football wants to

blame it on Rio. self-assured on the pitch, so adept at seeing trouble coming and sidestepping it adroitly, Rio Ferdinand has been surprisingly clumsy in getting out of the way when it approaches off the field. There was a dreadful poignancy about his naivety in being arrested for drink-driving after consuming a few bottles of Hooch. His seduction by alcoholic lemonade seemed like a symbol of a young footballer struggling to cope with the pace of

growing up.
He lost his driving licence and his place in the full squad to face Moldova last September - his first senior call-up — because of that incident. A month later. he was brought back into the fold to play in the crucial Under-21 match against Italy in Rieti, but, after distinguishing himself on the pitch, he was disciplined for what was apparently an insignificant part in some high jinks that occurred later that night.

FOOTBALL

Ferdinand puts

growing pains

into perspective

Once more, there were worried murmurings about whether all the success, the praise that was being heaped upon him, was going to his head. A case of much too



Francis rules out Loftus Road return

MANY Queens Park Rangers supporters will hope Gerry Francis was protesting too unequivocally distanced himself from a return to Loftus Road yesterday (Matt Dickin-

The Tottenham Hotspur manager remains popular and still has close ties at the club he served well as a player and coach. However, the dismissal of Stewart Houston by QPR at a time when he is main at White Hart Lane is nothing more than coinci-The association with Queens Park Rangers is complete rubbish," he said. "My only thoughts at this moment are for Tottenham Hotspur. It is a total fabrication.

Chris Wright, owner of OPR, was equally quick to try to end the speculation when he claimed that "things are never the same second time

to be taken at their word, David Pleat, sacked by Shefexpected to be the leading candidate with Charlton Athletic warding off any ap-proach for the highly-rated Alan Curbishley. "I have a few names in my mind but that is all at this stage," Wright said.

plete the £1.75 million transfer of striker Michele Padovano from Juventus today, a move not without controversy. The 31-year-old forward and his representative could be reported to Flfa by Middlesbrough, who had also agreed a deal but pulled out when the agent allegedly demanded a payment of around £125,000. A spokesman said: "Middlesbrough were asked to pay a fee to the agent. We are angry and can see no reason why it should be paid. Fifa regula-

around", and if both men are

Crystal Palace hope to com-

haps, although those that knew him said that he was a sensible boy. Yesterday, as he prepared to make his England debut on Saturday against Cameroon, the first of what many predict will be a host of caps, Ferdinand, 19 last week. discussed his penitence.
His words match his footballing deeds. He is an

impressive young man, articulate and apparently possessed of a keen sense of perspective. When some sought to draw comparisons between his troubles and those that had afflicted Tony Adams, he pointed out that a few bottles of Hooch hardly made him a full-blown alcoholic. When others drew Bobby Moore, he demurred. "It is flattering to hear those

kind of things said about you." Ferdinand said. "I have read in the papers about how I am the sweeper England needs, but I do not take it all in. If you dwell on things like that, it can lead to your downfall. So I read the papers and then I just chuck them on the back seat.

"If people want to say I am the next Sammer [the Germany sweeper] and that I will do this and that for my country, then that is fine, but I fulfilling my potential. I am working on every part of my game because I want to play for England at the very high-

He talked later, with particular feeling, of 12 games that he spent on loan to Bournewashed his own kit and spent lonely nights in his hotel room. When he got back to Upton Park, he had learned to

appreciate his good fortune.

That was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "The problems that I had were all about maturity. I am just a young lad. I have just come into the game and I know I have got to mature quickly. You learn from your mistakes and hopefully there will not be any more of them. I do not see that there will be any more problems down the line or in the future.

You cannot put me in the same thing as an alcoholic because I am not that kind of person and sometimes it bues me the way people talk about it. I do not want to be reminded of it because it is a dirty stain on my career, but, let my football do the talking."



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Blyth spirit brings Burridge reminder of former glories

non-leaguers of Blyth Spertans is institutions of football. So too, is the goalkeeping caree of that singular wandering minstrel, John Burridge. On Saturday, perhaps for the last beguiling package.

For the 23rd time since the Second World War, Blyth have battled through the qualifying stages into the first round proper. Their reward could hardly be more appro-priate, for they visit Blackpool, where Burridge made his home and his reputation almost 30 years ago. Now, three weeks short of his 46th birthday, he has delayed his retirement in order to meet this date with destiny.

These days, Blyth play in the Unibond League, at present ineffectually. They languish near the foot of the table and attract an average their Croft Park ground, hemmed in by the terraced houses of this former mining and shipbuilding town, still reverberates with the club's colourful history, a fact recognised yesterday by a royal

Prince Andrew put the Spartans on his itinerary during his north-eastern stopAlan Lee finds a familiar figure

relishing a day trip to Blackpool

tannia. The visit gave Mike Mitchell, local industrialist

rince with the information that their fathers had been

together in the war - "my dad was Prince Phillip's bat-The place may not look much now, but we are awaiting a grant from the Football Trust and then we will get the facilities modernised. I aim to mke the club into the Football

It is easy to see why Mitchell and Burridge get along. Neither is cowed by improbabilities. Twenty years ago, Mitchell, then a Newcastle United fan, was in a crossed of 42 000 at St James' Park when Blyth contested a fifth-round replay against Wrexham, the summit of one of the most stirring of all Cup

only Burridge

included spells with Workington, Blackpool, Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Sheffield United, Newcastle United. Hibernian and Manchester City — and be-came player-manager a year

"Very good. Our poor pos-Nobody can, the job's too big. and I would have stood down from the team before now but for this Cup draw."

An expression of wonder enters Burridge's lived-in face whenever Saturday's tie is mentioned. For him, and his remarkable career, it is an

Blackpool that he made his pool that he flirted with self-

from a pit village near Workington, he said. "My dad was a miner and he wanted me to do the same, but mum persuaded him to let me play football for the Town. I didn't even know where Blackpool was. "it was Boh Stokoe who

straight in the first team, captained by Jimmy Arm-field, and then he put me right when I went off the rails for a few months. Drinking, women, fast cars, they were all involved. One night, I looked at myself in a nightclub mirror and came to my senses. For the rest of my professional career, 28 seasons. I didn't touch a drink."

from Blackwool, does not permit the schinder of the journey to deflect his conviction. "It will be a wonderful day for me, with all my family there and so many memories - but I believe we will get something out of the game, too." Maybe a replay next to the North Sea at Blyth, with its scrubby terraces, its lowslung floodlights and its newRand Marshall idefeat budity

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Strang agrees move to Trent Bridge

BY RICHARD HOBSON

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE have tremendous asset." Ormrod is confirmed that Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg spinner, is to be their overseas player next season after failing to tempt Shane Warne to Trent Bridge. Strang agreed a two-year contract after meeting club officials, but will miss the start of the 1999 season because of the World Cup.

Last season he took 61 championship wickets and scored 588 runs for Kent, helping them to finish runners-up in three competitions. Although Kent opted to resign Carl Hooper for 1998, Strang said that he was keen to remain in county cricket. Alan Ormrod, the Notting-

also confident that Jason Gallian, the former England opening batsman who is leaving Lancashire, will agree to join Nottinghamshire next

Surrey have held further talks with Chris Lewis in an attempt to keep the former England all-rounder at the Oval Lewis has so far declined to sign a new contract with Surrey and is considering a return to Leicestershire. Vic Dodds, the Surrey crick-

et committee chairman, said: "He is adamant he wants to captain a side but that is impossible here because we have Adam Hollioake." Leichamshire team manager, estershire are prepared to make Lewis vice-captain in said: "It is a vital to have the readiness to succeed James resolved early. He should be a

CRICKET: COUNTIES BEGIN TUSSLE TO LURE DERBYSHIRE BATSMAN

Freed Adams ready to be courted

lengthy and complex campaign to become a free agent yesterday after a hearing at Lord's at which it was decided. perhaps conveniently for some, that his club had misin-

terpreted the regulations. Adams, who had rejected the offer of a new contract from Derbyshire, will now be courted vigorously by several counties, most of whom would have been unable to sign him had he remained a contested

 or List One — registration.
 Sussex have offered him the club captaincy and the larger salary (thought to be in excess of £80,000) and remain the favourites. Other interested parties include Kent, Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire. Sussex would have been able to sign Adams even if he had stayed on list one - unlike the



other three counties -- because they have not used up their allocation of two List One ignings in five years.

main significance for Sussex



will be that they will be free to

attract someone else as a contested registration. An eyecatching possibility is that Sussex will bid for Ben If Adams does join them, the Hollioake, Surrey and England's exciting young all-rounder. David Gilbert, who

Cricket Board's (ECB) registration committee the argument that his peculiar circumstances warranted spe-

left Surrey to become Sussex's

director of cricket last month,

said: To some extent we are

pinning our hopes on Chris

opportunity to sign a young,

good-quality List One player and belp turn this club

before the England and Wales

wrangling - for three years. Derbyshire finally released him believing that, with a year of his contract to run, he remained on List One. There was no malice aforethought," Reg Taylor, Derbyshire's rep-

Had he remained list one, the ECB would have almost certainly faced a legal challenge to its registrations regu-lations. As it is, the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) is to draw up proposals to overhaul them before that happens, and the game is plunged into a foot-ball-style transfer system. Adrian Pierson, of Leicester

shire, was also moved to List Two but Alex Morris, of Yorkshire, had his List One

McGrath and Warne wreck New Zealand

GLENN McGRATH and Shane Warne destroyed the New Zealand second innings yesterday to secure a 186-run victory for Australia on the final day of the first Test in Brisbane. Set to score 319 runs for victory on a worn pitch, New Zealand were dismissed for 132 off 62 overs to put Australia one up in the bestof three series.

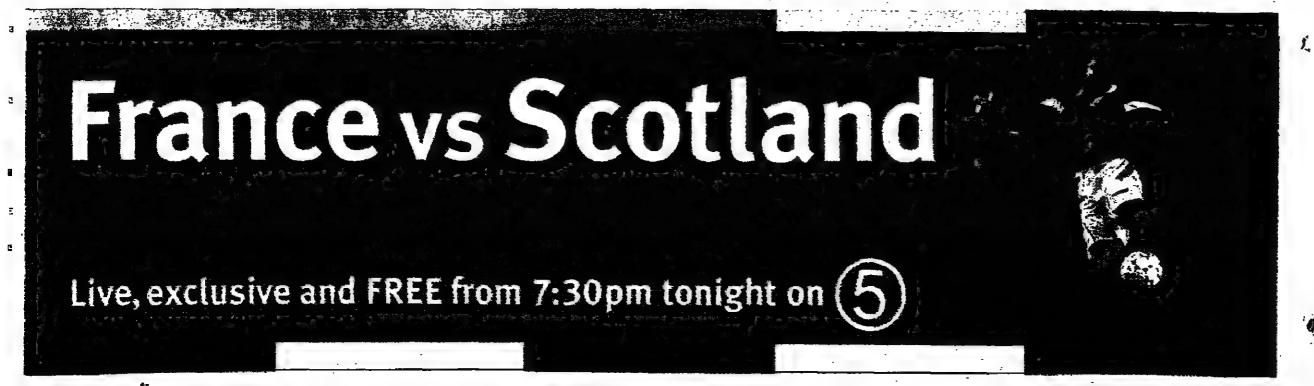
McGrath took four wickets for four runs in one 22-ball spell just before lunch to set up the victory and finished with five for 32, despite being restricted by a groin strain that makes him doubtful for the second Test. It was McGrath's ninth five-wicket haul in Tests, and he had match figures of 7-128 to take his career Test wicket tally to

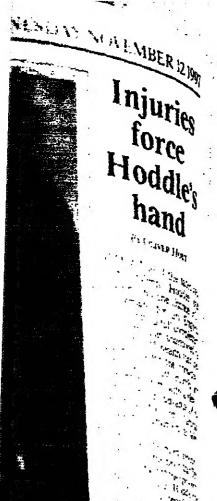
New Zealand were on 69 for five at lunch, then Adam Parore and Chris Cairns resisted for another 75 minutes before Warne stepped in. The last five wickets went for 20 runs and the leg spinner took three of them. Warne finished with 3-54 off 25 overs for match figures of 7-160.

It was a miserable day for New Zealand, who had kept abreast of their opponents for four days. There were five ducks in the second innings and only four batsmen reached double figures.

Bryan Young, the opene was top scorer with 45 and Parore the wicketkeeper, defied the Australia bowlers for over two hours with his

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RUGBY UNION

Uttley backs Switch to young blood

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S bright new squad, glowing with enthusiasm, came together at Roehampton yesterday for the first time. Within four days they will be introduced to the harsh realities of international rugby when they play an Australia side that knows it has only two opportunities to rebut the withering criticism of the last few months.

We know it's a pressurised

environment but we need to find out, sooner rather than later, whether these young guys can perform," Roger Uttley, the England manag-Roger Uttley, the England manager, said. As one who played in an England grand-slam side, in 1980, in a XV of which the component parts had been available for most of the 1970s, Uttley stands four-square behind Clive Woodward, the coach, in his selection of new blood. in his selection of new blood.

"It's time the youngsters had the chance to show what they can do at the highest level," Uttley said. "After all, that's what happens in other countries. They're there to set a trend for the future. A lot of talented players have been frustrated over the years because they didn't get into the frame. Maybe now we can use the latent talent we feel is there."

Uttley was also a member of the management team that, directed by Geoff Cooke, restored the lustre to England's reputation in the early 1990s. "Working with Geoff was a delight, working with Clive is an interesting experience and one I'm enjoying hugely," Uttley said. "We feel we are on the threshold of something new and we think we can take England forward."

It is Woodward's contention that England's under-21 team should be the second most important, in terms of financial resources and coaching. after the senior team. Indeed Woodward's selection bears a pessing resemblance to decisions taken by Bob Dwyer, then Australia's coach, in 1989 when he progressive-ly plucked Phil Kearns, Tony Daly, Tim Horan and Jason Little, regardless of their age or experience, and

turned them into World Cup winners two years later.

Of that quartet, only Horan is with the present Australia party. who deferred the announcement of their team until today. Stephen Larkham, the full back, has a bruised thigh and Rod Macqueen, the coach, wants to be sure of this fitness before the XV for Twickenham is finalised. Stirling Mortlock, the reserve full back, is one of the seven players who returned from Argentina to Sydney and, if Larkham is not fit, Joe Roff could be required to move from the wing.

Woodward acknowledged that his selection would not necessarily have been the same had England been playing New Zealand on Saturday. This is a team specifically designed to beat Australia." he said. "It is a huge opportunity but, even if we don't win, we will have learnt a lot. This is a one-off game, it's not the five nations', it's not the World Cup. It's important that, at the end of these four games, we come out more knowledgeable than when we start.

"There are certain players I would have been happy to pick on Satur-day who are not there - Matt Dawson [the Northampton scrum half] is one — but there are only 15 places. Phil de Glanville is on top of his form at the moment and I have been surprised at how well Richard Cockerill has been playing. But it's important that all the players in the souad realise the contribution they can make - there are some dynamic players on the bench, like Neil Back and Darren Grewcock, who can make an impact."

New Zealand have deferred until today a decision over the fitness of Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, who has been struggling with a knee injury. He trained in Cardiff yester-day, before watching his colleagues play at Pontypridd against Wales A last night, and will hope to add to his 91 caps against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday.



For Long, centre, the England training session yesterday was a chance to build up a relationship with his front-row colleagues

England take the Long route forward

accommodating. England's new front row is like a stiff leather. boot that must be worn in, each component part adjusting his game in the interests of the unit as whole. They have, effectively, three days in which to do so before England's hectic international round begins against Australia at Twickenham on Saturday.

Yet you cannot fault the players' enthusiasm: Andy Long, only 20 and with all of six senior appearsmees for Bath under his belt this season, cannot wait for the prospect of playing against Sean Fitzpatrick, even though he must first overcome the challenge thrown down by Michael Foley, of Australia, before England can look ahead to New Zealand.

In less than a year, Long has leapt from something like fifth-choice

David Hands looks at the new-look front row that faces Australia at Twickenham on Saturday

booker at Bath to first-choice for his country; indeed, it is not so many months ago that he retreated to his junior club. Bournemouth (where he was introduced to the game at the age of four), to seek first-XV rugby, standing, as he did at Bath, in a queue headed by Federico Mendez, Graham Dawe, Gary

French and Neil McCarthy. Nor did his prospects seem so bright when Bath signed Mark Regan from Bristol during the summer, Regan having played for the British Isles against South Africa. "But anyone at Bath has to work hard to hold a place," Long said. "Whatever the session, whether it's fitness or squad training, you have to give it your best. When

Mark was signed, it made me more determined to stay and show what I could do." He has done that, in convincing marmer, against a bevy of leading Welsh hookers — Phil John, Barry Williams and, last weekend, Jonathan Humphreys.

Now, however, he has to work on the relationship with Jason Leonard and Will Green, one with 55 England caps and two Lions tours behind him, the other with the briefest flirtation with England on tour in Argentina during the summer. "We need to make sure the technique is in place," Leonard said. "It's exciting for me to be alongside two young players of such talent and I will tell them what people told me when I was first

your job." Part of the job for Long is throwing into the lineout, which is where Regan and Phil Greening, of Gloucester, have lost marks. For Green, 24, 5ft Ilin and 17st 4lb, it is his work at scrummage and lineout, where he has learned from a past master, Jeff Probyn.

Green's emergence after only one full season in Wasps' front row has allowed England to move Leonard back to his favoured loose-head side, where he last played against South Africa in 1995. South Africa appear on England's menu on November 29, by which time Long may have received his wish to play against Fitzpatrick, assuming the New Zealander's knee holds up. "I hope he is fit," Long said, with

an enthusiasm that betrays the temporary insanity required to play in the front row. "I would really love a crack at him."

Rejected Sleightholme moves to Midlands

By MARK SOUSTER

JON SLEIGHTHOLME, discarded by England and un-wanted by Bath, yesterday joined Northampton. The former international-wing had been placed on the transfer list at the Recreation Ground four weeks ago for £100,000 after the club could not guarantee him a first-team place.

The fee has not been disclosed but is believed to be £50,000. Sleightholme, 25, and capped 12 times by England. has signed a three-year con-tract at Franklins Gardens. "I am still ambitious and delighted to be signing for a club such as Northampton, I am anxious to get my England place back and doing well with Northampton will give me the chance," he said lan McGeechan, the club's director of rugby, said Sleight-holme would provide a cutting

edge on the wing.
Andy Nicol, Sleightholme's former Bath colleague, is expected to be named this morning as the new captain of Scotland for the international against Australia at Murray-field on Saturday week. James Craig and Gordon Bulloch, of West of Scotland, are also in line to win their first caps. Rob Wainwright, the former captain, Tom Smith and Doddle Weir, who all toured successfully with the British Isles in South Africa this summer, are

missing because of injury. The South Africa prop. Toks van der Linde, will miss the rest of the tour of Europe after he was suspended for 60 days for stamping on an opponent during his country's 40-22 defeat by the French Barbarians in Biarritz yesterday. The ban automatically rules him out of the two internationals with France and also matches against England and Scotland.

Bath and Cardiff officials

are to mount an investigation into the incident last weekend when the French referce. Didier Mene, was threatened by angry supporters of the defeated Welsh club.

SQUASH

Parke and Marshall take defeat badly

ENGLAND'S defence of the men's world team champion-ship was thoroughly ques-with chronic fatigue syntioned in Kuala Lamou vesterday when Canada, who finished only sixth in Cairo two years ago, inflicted a 2-1 defeat that will at best mean England playing the much-fancied Australians sooner than expected, and at worst cast them into the battle for lower places (Colin McQuillan writes).

It was bad enough when Simon Parke, the England No I, began banging his head against the court walls, in frustration or possibly selfrecrimination, between the last few rallies of his 58minute 9-1, 9-5, 10-8 dismissal by Jonathan Power. The obvious distress of Peter Marshall, though, and his bitter fury at losing 9-2, 9-7, 9-2 in 41 minutes to Graham Ryding may yet prove the hinge on which England's buoyant lantly into his corner and

marched out of the auditorium in apparent mortification. Stuart Courtney, the Eng-land team manager, said: "We will have to beat Australia sooner rather than later now, I suppose." Scotland were well-beaten

lost comprehensively in Pool B to Australia, but Ireland managed a second win in Pool F over Brazil Anthony Hill, the 28-year old Australian who is infamous for a headbutting incident in the 1994 British Open, was fined £200 and banned for two months by the Professional Squash Association yesterday for testing SNOOKER

Hendry faces test of strength on big stage

THE unearmy ability of Stephen Hendry to tap into than overall victory, would optimum form when it is not be explained so easily. tested at the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship, which begins its 17-day run at Preston's Guildhall this

afternoon (Phil Yates writes). The Scot, who has set standards over the past decade that others have not matched, finds himself in a worrying slump. Unsuccessful in five of by Malaysia in Pool D, Wales his past seven matches, he has tripped at the first hurdle in three events this season.

When Hendry relinquished his world championship in May, competitive fatigue was justifiably cited as a contributory factor. In recent weeks, the unpredictability of nineframe matches and earlyseason rustiness have been used to rationalise unexpected positive for marijuana after a professional league match in France last May. defeats. However, failure at the United Kingdom championship, which, in Hendry's

YET THE DOOKING judges that they are, have made him a short-priced favourite, conscious, perhaps, of the fact that the best-of-17 frame format is much more to Hendry's liking. He has won 18 consecutive matches at the Guildhall, since losing to Ronnie O'Sullivan in the final in 1993, and has reserved some of his most devastating bursts on scoring for the event.

Were Hendry to win - he opens against either Michael Judge or John Read in the last 64 on Friday - he would be presented with his 29th worldranking tournament trophy. one more than Steve Davis, with whom he is tied at the head of the all-time list. With two century breaks, he would become the first player to compile 400 in professional

England triple of Mark Bantock, Mervyn King and Greg Harlow produced top form to beat Israel 33-4, but the pair of Brett of Ireland.

Bigger lead

SAILING: Swedish Match stretched its lead to almost 180 miles as Innovation Kvaerner moved into second place on the fourth day of the Whitbread Round the World Race's second stage.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

The San Francisco 49ers took a giant step toward securing home field advantage in the NFC play-offs last night - and damaged the Philadelphia Eagles' own post-season hopes with a 24-12 victory.

Olsson, the British champion, began the countdown to Olympics by finishing sixth in the opening four-man race of the World Cup Tour in Calgary.

Cheers again

RUGBY LEAGUE

Schofield handed Giants task

GARRY SCHOFIELD, the former Great Britain captain, has been appointed coach of Huddersfield Giants for their first season in the Super missal yesterday of Steve Ferres. Ferres, who has been with the club for 13 months. said he was "devastated" after he had guided the team to the divisional premiership title and second place in the first

Schofield, who joined Huddersheld as a player from Leeds in February 1996, will be assisted by Phil Veivers. Both have kept their registrations for next year. Les Coul-ter, the Huddersfield chief executive, said: "Although we have changed coaches four times in four years, we're looking for continuity. Garry and Phil's experience makes them best placed."

Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach, is unlikely today to change the team that squared the British Gas series BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

against Australia at Old Trafford, but he wants a reappraisal of attitude ahead of Road on Sunday. "I want to get out of the

'we've won one, that's a good thing' thinking, because that's no good to me," he said. "We've now got to take another step forward by win-



Goodway: not complecent

ning the next one, which is the antitude Australia will adopt. They don't want to be seen as

Unlike some people. a 2-1 loss — the outcome of the previous four series against Australia since 1988 - as progress. Neither is he under any illusion about the improvements of which Australia are capable. Yesterday's training session in Leeds was spent knocking any "overconfidence" out of his players.

The gambling that Goodway talked of before the series is denied him by injuries and absences, so the same 17 will probably be on duty at Elland Road, which is set for a 40,000 sell-out. "Old Trafford has given us the confidence that we can compete on equal terms," he said.

Wigan have been given permission by Canterbury Bulldogs to approach John Timu, the former All Blacks rugby union centre.

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First Test match Australia v New Zealand

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Ireland take another step ahead

BOWLS: With only one remaining round to play in the men's and women's triples and pairs in the European indoor team championship in Jersey before the singles and fours get underway, Ireland have surged further ahead of the field. In the overall team

standings, they have 26 points, with their nearest contender, defending champions England, who have 18. Wales have 16 and Guernsey and Jersey are In round seven, the

Morley and David Hoh were defeated 21-15 by Roy Battersby and Gary McCloy,

Giant step

Fine start BOBSLEIGH: Sean

E RUGBY UNION: Melrose yesterday announced a threeyear £250,000 deal to support their famous sevens tournament. After their long association with Bell's. their new sponsor is Glen

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12 1997

Cinderella granted golden opportunity

hile Britain waits for its Academy of Sport, help to w improve the nation's results at future Olympic Games has arrived from a most unlikely quarter. Disney World, set in the country that wins more Olympic medals than any other, is to sponsor a 12-year scheme worth E9 million to British sport.

Britain's collective success at the Atlanta Olympics last year was more Cinderella than Hercules. However, the British Olympic Association (BOA) announced yesterday that it has signed contracts with two United States backers — one of them Disney's Wide World of Sports — to provide its elite sportsmen and women with yearround access to a high-tech, low-cost training centre in Orlando, Florida.

Accidental though the timing is the BOA would have launched the scheme some months ago but for contractual obstacles - the announcement comes at a critical moment in the bidding to run the British Academy of Sport. The BOA is one of three

"Our bid document said that we would bring ... things that nobody else could," Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, said. "We believe that this is one aspect. We probably know as much about running multi-sports

THE local paper was doing its best, with the headline "Telford tennis spectacular - pictures", and the local

schoolchildren were determined to

prise autographs from anyone with a racket, famous or otherwise, but there

was still the feeling that everyone had

been invited to the wrong party yesterday as the Guardian Direct

national championships got under

The grown-up spectators watched the tennis on offer with one ear cocked

for news of Greg Rusedski in Hanover

while the starstruck shuffled their feet

impatiently facing a 24-hour wait before the arrival of Tim Henman.

Something had to be done to raise the

On days like these, it usually falls to Sam Smith to create a stir. True to

form, she made the most of her-

appointment with Hannah Collin, ten:

years her junior and 596 places below

her in the rankings, winning unimpressively in three nervy sets, 6-2, 0-6.

Much is expected of Collin. At junior

level, she is head and shoulders above

the domestic opposition and, if she

continues on her present learning

curve, she will be the best prospect in

the senior ranks for many a year. Not

bad for a 15-year-old whose worries are

still split between her GCSEs and the

Smith was not at her best and once

Collin had got her nose in front in the

quality of her volleys.

TENNIS

Smith survives

traditional

opening scare

facilities as anybody. This helps prove that we are good at it."

Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, said that the Orlando project would be "integrated" into the British Academy. We will be making a series of announcements on Friday about the structure of the British Academy of Sport, Banks said. We look forward to the British

Academy working closely with the new facility in Orlando. The pieces of the jigsaw are now slotting neatly into place." The BOA describes the arrange

ment as a "one-stop shop". For £50 a day, money which British competitors can pick up through the World Class Performance programme funded by the National Lottery, it offers every-thing competitors could wish for in 20 of the 35 Olympic sports: superb training facilities at the newly-opened Disney sports complex, medical sup-port, food, accommodation, transport, and guaranteed warm weather.
"A fantastic lacility, a fantastic

distinctly unhappy. Collin may not be too experienced, but she knows how to

play and she is not afraid to take a

She had two break points for a 3-1 lead in the third set but the first

evaporated with a big forehand from

Smith and the second went begging

with a tentative backhand into the net.

Three games later it was Smith

holding the break points and she was

not about to let them slip away. She had survived her annual first-round

Telford has never been a happy

hunting ground for Smith. This time last year she got herself into all sorts of

trouble by daring to suggest that, in the absence of Henman and Rusedski, the

rest of British men's tennis was not

exactly thriving. Twelve months later,

the barricades were up. What were her

ambitions for this week? "To win the...

bloody thing. Her analysis of her performance? It was just a case of me

putting a few more balls in court, the

result was never in doubt". She was in

no mood to give anything away.



said. He added that, even for Olympic sports which are not specifically catered for, there would be a cross-training benefit. The British bobsleigh team has used it already.
The thought that

America is helping Britain to beat America does not concern the BOA's backers from across the Atlantic. "I do not care where they are from - they came through our system," David Teske, of

(ORHS), the other sponsor, said. While Britain can now take advantage of the \$100 million Disney sports complex, this is not the United States, which won 44 gold medals in Atlanta to Britain's one, taking pity. "The UK market is very important for the Walt Disney Company and, from our perspective, it made a lot of sense to tie to a premier organisation in Britain," Mike Millay, director of events for Disney Sports Attractions, said.

Orlando Regional Healthcare System

visit Orlando and Disney wants more. "If you are an avid sportsman in the UK, it is another reason that makes Walt Disney World a logical destination." Millay added. "In exchange, we have certain marketing rights with the BOA in the UK."

Jon Ridgeon, one of Britain's most experienced athletes, was invited on a site visit. "I cannot emphasise enough that the facilities are the best money can buy," Ridgeon said. So attractive that the Atlanta Braves baseball team have signed a 20-year deal to use Disney as its spring training base and the Harlem Globetrotters have chosen the site for training and development.

To come is the Olympic velodrome. acquired from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. "Our goal was to ensure that every athlete feels like they are on a surface that is conducive to their optimum performance," Reggie Wil-liams, vice-president of Disney Sports Attractions, said.

Complete with nine-lane track, not the typically hard American track and with gentle bends, the Disney sports complex covers 200 acres, "It is as large as the Magic Kingdom," Wil-liams noted. Aladdin has appeared with the lamp - this way to the treasure of Olympic gold.

CLIVE BRUNSKELL / ALLSPORT

A dinner party challenge

BBC2, 8.00pm

The spiky-haired chef has spent so much effort turning himself into a latter-day Bruce Forsyth that it is a surprise to find him still in the kitchen. Not only that, but this new series has arguably more cooking and less showbusiness than Rhodes's previous television shows. Yes, he does turn up for tonight's programme in a flashy sports car. And there is a gimmick, as two young couples tall medics) throw a dinner party to decide whether the men or the women are the better cooks. But most of the programme is Rhodes and recipes, accompanied by manic commentary delivered at 500 words a minute and his catchphrase, "Look at that!" For a man who can make steamed cod look appetising exotica such as creme chiboust are a doddle, and never mind the calories.

Modern Times: Testing Times BBC2, 9.00pm

That Channel 4 screened a documentary on this subject a couple of years ago does not lessen the impact of another fine documentary from Lynne Alleway, whose previous contributions to this series include the ironically titled Quality Time. Distillusioned with what the State has to offer, ambitious parents are determined to get their children into what they perceive as superior private schools. But such establishments are hugely oversubscribed. The focus is on Palmers Green High School for Girls in North London. It takes children as young as three and, with many more applicants than there are places, can afford to pick and choose. Alleway follows four families and their daughters from the entrance test and interview up to the arrival of the fateful letter. That Channel 4 screened a documentary on this

Channel 4, 9.00pm

If you are a parent, prepare to be shocked. Or perhaps you have heard it all before. In Witold Starecki's fly-on-the-wall documentary teenagers talk frankly about their sex lives. That the youngsters are all under 16 makes a special point. A 14-year-old is asked whether she has sex with her boyfriend. "Some of them," she replies. These kids are very knowing, completely uninhibited and



quick to answer back if an adult dares to question what they are doing. The programme-makers as descent what they are doing. The programme-makers claim that the film does not show the youngsters as being sex mad, just more sexually mature and less secretive than previous generations. That is one interpretation but it will not be universally shared. Perhans indicative of the current climate is a Perhaps indicative of the current climate is a mother urging her son (who admits to having had sex with a girl at school when he was 13) to stock up

Breaking Point BBC2_950om

On Giants' Shoulders

Radio 4, 8.30pm

BBC2, 9.50pm

Once again you have to marvel at the willingness of ordinary people to allow the television camera to intrude on their private problems. Trevor and Tracey have been married for 14 years but the marriage has hit the rocks. Tracey is initially dubious about going to Relate, the marriage guidance organisation, and pouring out her troubles to a total stranger, never mind having the counselling sessions recorded and relayed to the nation. But she overcomes her doubts and the result is a documentary of startling frankness with result is a documentary of startling frankness with result is a documentary of startling frankness with each spouse giving as good as they get. Few troubled marriages can have been laid so publicly bare. The first of a series on the work of Relate, the film raises all the old doubts about the viewer. being a prurient speciactor of other people's troubles. Having said that, once hooked, very few will want to switch off. Peter Waymark

Radio 4. 3.30pm

Another new series starting on Radio 4 tonight is a 12-parter, presented by Melvyn Bragg, about the people in history who have changed the world, in terms of how it is and how we see it. The title comes from Isaac Newton's remark that if he was more of a visionary than most people it was because he stood on the shoulders of giants, meaning, of course, his predecessors. But tonight's programme is about Archimedes, who had no shoulders to stand on because he was arguably the world's first scientist. Archimedes developed the theory of buoyancy and he discovered how to calculate volume, meaning that he could do things 2,200 years ago that I cannot do today. This is not a very cheering discovery.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

6.00mm Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf The Colour of Blood 7.30 Meridian Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Concert Hell 9.00 News; News in German (646 only) 8.05 World Business Report 9.15 The Farming World 8.30 Science File 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdask 10.30 One Planet 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 Sports

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Mysterious Ways

This is not a programme about why Radio 4 is starting four new series on the same date, one by day and three by night, because that is a mystery beyond the understanding of any mere mortal. Christianity, by comparison, is a piece of cake. Libby Purves, my colleague at *The Times* and the presenter of *Midweek*, is the presenter of this sixtensity in the presenter of the same presenter of misuser, is the presenter of this six-part inquiry into the arrival and establishment of Christianity in Britain. To judge by the first programme, which is about religious architecture, this will be a lively series likely to fascinate people far beyond the confines of Christianity. Indeed, in asking how different our society might have been without Christianity. Purves takes the listener into most area of life from politics to art and science. most areas of life, from politics to art and science.

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoé Bali 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeet 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 6.15 Newsbeet 6.30 Evening Session with Stave Lamacq 8.30 Trade Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Cilve Werren 4.00 Chris Moyles

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RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00mm The Breakfast Programme 8.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Michey with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide with Julian Worticker 7.00 News Extra 7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night, includes commentary on the top game and news of all the goals 10,00 Littlejohn 11,00 News Extra 12,00 After Hours 2,00mm Up Alt Night 5,00 Morning Reports VIRGIN RADIO

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BASKETBALL: Uni-bell Trophy: Crystal Palacs v Tharnes Valley Tigans (8.0); Manufestar Genta v Ledester Riders (7.30); Newcastle Eagles v Dethy Snom (7.30); Bullets Brimingham v Worthing Bears (7.0); LCE HOCKEY: Express Capt Bracknell Bees v Ayr Scotlant Eagles (7.0); SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria UK champoneshia (at Prostori)

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Bes, (Into the Twilight); Delius (Violin Sonsta No 2); Wilbye (Draw On, Sweet Night); Gibbons (The Silver Swan); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D); Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Janacek (Sinforsetta)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Svandsen (Festival Polonaise); Chopin (Three Mazuricas); Schumann (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Phenish)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines.
Honegger (Le Tempéte); Telemann (Suite in D., Gutiver); Spohr (Nonet in F). Berg (Seven Early Songs); Falconiar (Passacaptia in G minor; Sinfonia Quarta in C minor; Folias Echa Para mi Senora Dona Tarelita de Caretenos); Schubert (Piano Sonata in B flat)

12.00 Composer of the Weels: Gyorgy Ligeti
1.00pm The Redio 3 Limentime Concert. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London Schubert Ensemble John Woolrich (String Quartet No 2, Sestina); Franck (Piano Quartet in F minor)

2.00 Midweek Cholca. Telephone 0171-785 4308 with your classical requests
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Hereford Cathedral 5.00 in Tune, with Sean Raiferty. Steuart Bedford telks about his grandmother, Lisa Lehmann, who composed nonserne songs and settings of Alice in Wonderland
7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Festival Hall, 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines.

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Festival Hall, London, a gale concert given in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, in the presence of the Queen. Maxim Vengerov, vlofin, Yuri Beshmet, vlote, Lynne Dawson, soprano, Jean Rigby, mezzo, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Gerald Firley, baritone, Royal Academy of Music Chorus and Sinfonia under Colin Davis. Mozart (Kyrie in D minor, Sinfonia under Colin Davis. Mozart (Kyrie in D minor, Sinfonia concertante in E fatt) 8.10 The Unclouded Concerto. Sean Street introduces a choice of poems inspired by the music and life of Mozart. Including short works by Thomas Hardy, Robert Graves and Wallace Stevens 8.30 Mozart, compl Susameyr (Requiem in D minor)

9.40 Postscript: Friends Witho Disagree, with Stephen Batchelor, director of studies at the Sharpham College for Buddhist Studies and Contemporary Enquisy, and Shaumales Rishi Dea, European communications director of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness: Kelth Ward, Regius Protessor of Divinity at Oxford, is in the chair (3/5)

10.00 Ensemble. A recital by the young Finnish yiolinist. Pekka Kiuzisto, whener of the 1995 International Protection, Mazurka); Ravel (Violin Sonata)

10.45 Night Warves. Patrick Wright tatks to the Israeli writer David Grossman about his latest novel, The 27g Zeg Kid

11.30 Composer of the Week: Vaughan Williams (f)

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11.30 Composer of the Week: Yaughan Williams (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. The lirst of two sets by the Arnie Whiteheatt Bend recorded at Kingston upon Hull's 1997 International Jazz Festival
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

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10.00 (PM) News; Power and How to Get It. A
beginner's guide to climbing the ladder presented
by Jeremy Herdy (1/4)

10.00 (LW) Delity Service

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.20 Woman's Hour, Introduced by Jenni Murray

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time. Nigal Colorn, Bob
Flowerdew and Geoffrey Smith answer questions
posed by members of the Royal British Legion
and gardeners in Yorkshire (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Margaret Colins

12.25pm Dinner Ledies A comedy drama series written
and directed by Turan All (4/6) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Mysteries of the London Underground:
The Metropolitan Line Murder, by Michael Butt,
based on a true story by Baroness Orazy. With
Suzanne Burden and Bernard Hepton

2.46 News; Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen

3.00 The Afternoon Shiff, with Daire Brehen

4.00 News 4.06 Katelidoscope. Paul Gambaccin
reviews Gl Jane, the new film cirected by Ridley
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7.20 Mysterious Ways, with the Times columnist Libby
Purves. See Choice
8.05 A Night with — Anthony Holden. The first of a
series in which six people reflect on the significant
part the right has played in their lives
8.30 Glants' Shoulders, with the Times columnist
Melvyn Bragg. See Choice
9.01 Resinventing the Wheet The correction Ben
Sibum conductes his investigation into the history
of technology (4/4)

Siburn concludes his investigation into the history of technology (4/4)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonlight, with leabel Hillion

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Clothes They Stood Up in, Written and read by Alan Bennett, abridged by Gillian Hush (3/7)

11.00 The Shuttleworths The lest of the cornedy series written and performed by Graham Fellows (8/6)

11.15 Grievous Bodilly Radle, The final part of Jon Hotmas and Andy Hurst's six-part cornedy series, with Peler Sersinowicz. Emma Clarke and Mike with Peter Seratinowicz, Emma Clarke and Mike

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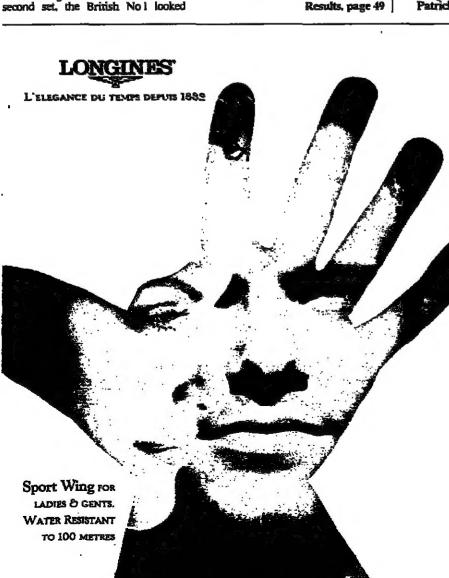
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament

11.30 (FW) My Life as a Car The conclusion of the comedy series by Merk Wallington (8/5) (f)

12.00 News 12.30em The Late Book: Fuzzry Boy.
Gary Philai reads Sityam Selvadura's story (8/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL International match France v Scotland (at SX Etienne, 7.45) .

(at St Etienne, 7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE CUP- First round, second leg. Solinus v Paget R.

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Creation v Norweth (2.0): Portsmouth v Watford (7.0): Swindon v Oxford Utd (7.15). Totterham v Arbenta' (at Leyton Chert).

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TOUR MATCHES: Bath v Tonga XV (7 15); Moseley v ACT (7 30). GLUB MATCH. Oxford University v Major Stanley's XV (3 0). OTHER SPORT

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 47

HOPI (b) The name of a group of North American Indians living chiefly in north-castern Arizona. Also a member of this tribe and their tanguage. "Even today an elderly Hopi will jog the 20 miles to his cornfield, work all day, and jog home again." MACCA

(a) A Jamaican name for the palm Acrocomia scierocarpa distinguished by its priedles; hence, used for the prickles of other plants and animals. A thoroughly Jamaican word is macca, which now means any kind of prickle, thorn, bur, or sharp spine on plants or animals. It is used in many combinations too, like macco breadfruit, macca yam, macca fern."

(c) The title given to William of Wied, elected ruler of Albania after the declaration of Albanian independence in 1913. An adaptation of the Albanian mbret from the Latin imperator an emperor. "When I first went to Greece, they still spelled Byron's many phonetically Mpairon. They pronounce b like our v, but mp like our b-a fact wa to many of the people who talk about the Moret of

NOCEUR (a) A reveller, rake or libertine one who stays up late at night. The French word. James Agate, Buzz. Buzz. 1918: In these the characters who bother themselves about the arts are invariably

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The return of a woman with strong views lison John's life reads like a history of the BBC documentary - Man Alive, a double dose of 40 Minutes and last night, Timewatch (BBC2). The only time I'd seen her previously, however, was when her wedding occasioned an appearance on a

Sue Lawley chat show. So this was my first proper encounter with her, and what a confusing meeting it proved. Thirty-four years ago when she was born, John would have been called a spastic, a term that some excruciating archive clips reminded was intended to be both affectionate and memorable. Now, with the Spastic Society rechristened as Scope, she is described as having cerebral palsy, which affects both her gait and her speech. But it is the way these manifestations of her condition affected us, the fortunate able-bodied, that

caused the confusion and, in doing

so, provided Annie Paul, the

6.00am Business Breekfast (53015)

9.25 Style Challenge (5763589)

9.50 Kilroy (1) (1328201)

10.30 Change That (5553913)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (41183)

9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (5744454)

10.55 The Really Useful Show (1) (7041893)

11.35 Real Rooms Revamping the entrance hall of an infants achool in Bath

12.00 News (T) and weather (6431725)

1.00 News (T) and weather (44270)

1.40 The Weather Show (59039299)

1.45 Neighbours (r) (T) (44584367)

2.55 Terry and June (r) (7161305)

2.05 Quincy (r) (2144812)

1.30 Regional News (84571034)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (5519003)

12.35 Give Us A Citus (2450522)

producer, with perhaps the best excuse for making her fourth film about her subject. John, you see, is a woman of strong views. Conditioned as we are to sympathise (and at times, no doubt, to patronise) those less fortunate, it came as rather a shock when she finished one of her speeches and I'd find myself thinking: "Non-

John's views on the treatment of disabled people could be described as "radical integration". No segregated schools, no special transport, no ghettoes of any sort. She didn't want to be taught to walk, talk and eat like "normal" people, she just wanted to be accepted as she was.
This is me, like it or lump it." It was the sort of speech that would have a Hollywood audience cheering in aisles too narrow for a wheelchair. It had me wondering why John hadn't set herself a slightly easier target — such as solving world poverty.

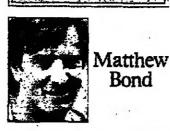
Those more accustomed to dealing with the disabled were more forthright. As John revisited the educational establishments that she was so convinced had let her down, a former English teacher accused her of having a chip on her shoulder. Another pointed out that in the real world her ideas would simply produce another group of marginalised children who, for one reason or another, would not

The same man, now the head-master of her old school, was aiready sending 17 severely dis-abled pupils to the neighbouring comprehensive. John, while still wanting to close his school down immediately, grudgingly agreed that this might be progress.

be able to attend a normal day

n a night when the message was always more important than the medium, it was difficult to assess Paul's





contribution. The archive material had been skilfully assembled for maximum impact, but having begun with a reminder of the wedding, we were left in doubt as to whether John was still married until almost the end. She was happily and with two children to

boot - so why the mystery? But the bigger mystery was whether this articulate, funny but very angry woman was really the

was confused.

But nothing like as confused as Kevin, whose unfortunate lot it has been to supply the running moral subplot of Soldier, Soldier (TTV), a series better known for its bangs and beer than its exploration of the human condition. Until now, that is. Until Kevin.

Kevin is 16 years old and gay, which is difficult enough when you are still at school and hoping to be an army cader. But when your father is CSM Fitzpatrick (Conor Mullen), an Ulsterman who makes the Rev Ian Paisley sound reasonable, it's a disaster.

Hoping for a little reassurance Kevin went to see Angela Macleod. the recruiting officer, who told him: The rules may be changing but I don't think attitudes will you know what it's like for soldiers who don't fit in." Pretty much what it's like for schoolboys who don't fit

career, while his father was getting drunk and accidentally knocking over his wife.

Whatever you make of the plots, the amalgam of acting, casting and direction that has become Soldier. Soldier's naturalistic house style continues to impress. Much more convincing than it was in the days of Robson Green and Jerome Flynn. But frustratingly not quite

hannel 4 launched a new double act: Deals on Wheels, a series which sets out to show how people buy and sell second-hand cars, surprisingly started first time. The only mistake was that Mike Brewer and Richard Sutton, a cleverly contrasting couple of likeable rogue and fashionable thinker, never stopped long enough to tell us what they knew about second-hand cars. If

CHANNEL 4

9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (97293) 9.30 Good Health (T) (4659725) 9.45 Book Box (T) (4647980) 10.00 Stage Two Science (T) (2515675) 10.15

11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (2102) 12.00 Sesame Street (54873) 12.30pm

from Hungary (59014980) 1.50 Lost (1955) starring David Farrar and David Knight, Drama about a policerran in a desperate search for the kidnapped

Geographical Eye (T) (2576725) 10.50 Stop. Look, Listen (T) (8728589) 11.00 First Edition IV (3579102) 11.15 The Mix

Light Lunch. With Harry Enfield (23831) 1,30 Gardens without Borders (r) (84555096) 1,45 Success Animation

in a desperate search for the kidnapped baby of an American diplomat. Directed by Guy Green (1) (82208744)

collect sweethean brooches and a tribute

to Scottish designer Charles Renne Mackintosh (†) (473) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (†) (980) 4.30 Countdown (†) (1912096) 4.55 Ricki Lake (†) (9752251) 5.30 Pet Rescue An undernourished Stamese cat

3.30 Collector's Lot Featuring a couple who

gives cause for concern (T) (744)

6.00 The Cosby Show The family gather as Denise returns home from college. Last in

6.30 Rosesme: Boo The family members. combative as ever, compete to see who can create the most frightening outfit for

7.00 Channel 4 News (I). Includes headlines

7,50 Golden Oldles Another golden wedding

8.00 Another Ark A look at the work of Hai

8.30 Brookside When Max and Susannah decide to lay down some groundrules, Jacqui lays down a few of her own. Tim

Bar, a movement begun in the early 1960s to re-establish farael's flora and

to the Close unexpectedly (i)

series (r) (T) (657)

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fauna (9562)

celebration (839218)

Hallowe'en (r) (T) (909)

5.55am Sesame Street (46725)

7.00 The Big Breeklast (34893)

product of a failed system? Or one in, thought Kevin. We left him they said an old Nissan Bluebird of its greatest successes? Told you I sensibly looking for a different was worth £1,300, we just had to accept it. And then smile when

somebody paid £1,700 for it.
But for all that their patter is fun and modestly informative, it is the deals that will make or break this series. If the first three are anything to go by they shouldn't have much to worry about. For as far as I can see, somebody - either the buyer, the seller or our experts always loses in these video-recorded transactions, and that makes for addictive television.

For the clapped-out Nissan it was obviously the buyer, for the well-maintained Metro it was the vendor, a policewoman whose inability to keep quiet for more than two seconds cost her £125. and for the E-type it was the experts who had to watch as the car happily changed hands for £2,000 more than they thought. Mind you, we were talking West

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SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Lady Eve (1941) (1245657) 6.00. The Davi's Brigade (1965) 45275638) & 15 The Bire Lageon (1960)

3.30 Playdays (r) (8302657) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (8382893) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (1) (2282265) 4.35 Out of Tune (T) (1928657) 5,00 Newsround (5652980) 5,10 Blue Pater (T) (9503980)

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hours, and body dismorphic disorder, a mental econdition which convinces sufferers that they are ugly (T) (8164) 7.30 Tomorrow's World Philipps Forrester reports from Australia on scientific research into the techniques amployed opera singers, while Jez Neison discovers the horseshoe crab's vital role in modern medicine and the race to save

8.00 EastEnders Phi and Grant by their hands at International relations; lan and his party have a lucky escape (1) (7812) 8.30 The National Lottacy Live (1) (491367)

8.45 Points of View (F) (414218) 9.00 News (1) and weether (5299) 9.29 National Lottery Update (942102)

69.30 Absolutely Fabulous: Sex Edina decides her bedroom lan't big enough (r) 10.00 The X Files Mulder hears news of his missing sister when a dream leads him to

a shallow grave of a young girl (1) 10.45 Tom Jones (f) (T) (67196812) WALES: First Resort. New series (773541) 11.15 Tom Jones (113947) 12.50mm FiLM: Death Dreams (862936) 2.25 News (8413990) 2.30 Join BBC News 24

12.20am Death Dreams (1991) with Christopher Reeve, Marg Helgenberger, Fionnula Flanagan and Taylor Fry. A youngster drowns in mysterious circumstances, but returns from the grave with shocking information about who was responsible for her untimely death. Directed by Mertin Donoven (T)

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(9879638) 8.45 The Record (9765183)

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12.30 Working Lunch (19909) 1.00 Noddy (88369562) 1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour (6602096) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (62672947) 2.40 News (1) (3514096) 2.45 Westminster (1)

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6.00 Ster Treic The Next Generation (r) (1)

6.45 Silders (r) (1) (479947) 7.30 Black Britain An exclusive interview with Arsenal and England striker lan Wright. Do black women who became drug amugglers to escape Third World poverty deserve their long sentences? Plus, a 12year-old who looks set for a future in Formula One grand prix racing (1) (725)

Gary Rhodes Gary presides over a bettle of the sexes involving four hospital doctors to determine whether men or women are the best cooks (T) (5454) 8.30 Home Front Tips on Swedish-style

renovations and how to solve storage problems (F) (4589) Modern Times: Testing Times The dilemmes faced by parents concerning their children's education (f) (976831)



Trevor and Tracey (9.50pm)

Breaking Point New series about marriage guidance counseiling following Trevor and Tracey who want to put the spankle back in their relationship (T) (417299). •

10.30 Newshight (T) (370589) 11.15 Prison Weekly (T) (778096) 11.45 Building Sights, USA (r) (971657) 11.55 Weather (135928) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (26771)

12.30em BBC Learning Zone: The Making of Ann Summers 12.45 World Painters 2.00 Religious Education 4.00 Italianissimo 1-4 5.00 RCN Nursing HTV

6.00em GMTV (4216744) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (5749909) 9.55 Regional News (1) (6266638) 10.00 The Time, the Place (30589) 10.30 This Morning (48535183) 12.20pm Regional News (6437909)

12.30 News (1) and weather (2486947) 12.55 Shortland Street (2451638) 1.26 Home and Away (T) (89393021) 1.50 The Rockford Files (5803164) 2.50 Vanessa

(6802299) 3.20 News (T) (8114657) 3.25 Regional News (1) (5113929)
3.30 Tots TV (3038576) 3.40 The Parkes (1327928) 3.50 The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (8591305) 4.20 Nei's Art Attack Scrapbook (8587657) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1919909)

5.10 WALES: Yan Can Cook (9065831) 5.10 No Naked Flames (9065831) 5.40 News (1) and weather (275015) 6.00 Home and Away (676152)

6.25 Regional Weather (995893) 6.30 Regional News (1) (367) 7.00 Emmerdale Andy feels guilty about seeing Jack with Rachel (1) (6580) 7.30 Coronation Street Andy McDonaid quits

Coronation Street. Deirore has a surprise in store for Jon (1) (251) 8.00 Police, Camera, Actioni Don't Look Back in Anger (1) (6283)



Clirit Eastwood stars (9,00pm)

Eastwood and John Melkovich. Thriller about a secret & nyloe agent who is taunted by calls from a would-be assassin who poses a threat to the file of the President of the United States. Directed by Wolfgeng Petersen (I) Continues after the News (7909)

10.00 News; Lottery Result; weather (1)

10.30 Regional News (1) (745909) 10.40 in the Line of Fire Conclusion of tonight's film (T) (6627541) 2.05am Movie Show Special: The

Specialist (1187868) 12.35 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (7155394) 1.05 Real Stories of the Highway Petrol

1.30 Three for the Road (1987) with Charlie Sheen, Kerri Green and Alan Ruck. A young political aide attempts to further his career by escorting a senator's spoiled daughter to a boarding school. Directed by B. W. L. Norton (650232)

3.25 Motor Racing (r) (T) (4271042) 4.20 Sound Bites (40719416) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93777684) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (34329) 5.30 News (21226)

3.05 Jones and Jury (r) (97349874)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.54pm Air Watch (19206541) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2461638)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9065831) 5.59-8.00 Air Watch (733980) 5.25-7.00 Central Nova (949096) 12.00 Film: In Country (1989), A drama starring Bruce WTs (22089665)

2.10am in Focus (7255941) 2.55 The Mysterious West (2635416) 3.20 The Good Sex Guide Late (4272771) 4.15 Central Jobander '97 (5516077) 5.20 Asian Eye (9334752)

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8.30-7.00 Put It to the Test (367)

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1.40 Film: Private's Progress (15306183) 3.30 Collector's Lot (473) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (980)

4.30 Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World (164) 5.00 5 Pump (8006473)

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9.00 Equinox (8251) 10.00 Brookside (679102) 10.35 Babylon 5 (823096) 11.30 Fresh Pop (976102)

11.40 Under the Moon (89850367)

4.30am Chinese Football (83139)

Witness: Blooming Youth Young people talk candidly about love, intimacy and retationships (1)

10.00 All of Me (1984) starring Steve Martin, Lily Tomin and Victoria Tennant. Comedy about a lawyer who accidentally receives the soul of a wealthy eccentric. Directed by Carl Reiner (T) (947831)

11.40 Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine (89850367) 4.30am Chinese Football (r) (83139) 5.00 Screaming Reels (r) (T) (52771) 5.30 Scottish Writers Ian Cochton Smith (r)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

CHANNEL 5

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Around (r) (6845218) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) 8.30 WideWorld Documentary series about human migration. How Turkish migrants adapt to German culture (4/10) (9245544) 9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine presented by Pattle Coldwell and Tony Kerner (2726270) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8823522) 10.30 Vanessa's Day With (r) (T) (5845788)

11.00 Leeza Chal show hosted by Leeza Gibbons (748676) 11.50 Double Espresso (94662676) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Jack is distraught after reading Taylor's letter (T) (5645580) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8675909) 1.00 5 News Update (63743855) 1.05 Sunset Beach. Meg turns down Gregory's job

offer while Annie is determined to find out what Ben's hypnotherapy session will reveal (T) (3457183) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment show (8425251) Live enterlanment show (8425251)
3.30 The Summer My Father Grew Up
(1991) sterring John Ritter, Joe Spano
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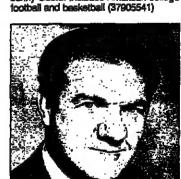
5.30 Whittle Audience participation game show hosted by Tim Vine (T) (3812831)

6.00 100 Per Cent Game show without a host 6.30 Family Affairs Jack decides to move back in with Elsa (1) (3800098)

7.00 5 News (T) (5491270) 7.30 International Football — Live The World Cup warm-up friendly between France and Scotland (54368928)

9.45 Morons From Outer Space (1985) starring Mel Smith, Griff Rhys Jones and Jimmy Nall. A cornedy space adventure about four aliens who crash-land on the M1 and become chat show persons and pop stars. Directed by Michael

Hodges (9191473) 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3112299) 12.25cm Live and Dangerous introduced by lenny Gould, Includes American college



Detective Karl Malden (4.35am) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Web o Lies Police drama series starring Karl Malden (T) (7551145)

5.00-5.30 Screaming Reels (52771)

• For further listings see Saturday's Vision

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8.00am Morning Glory (184831) 4.00 Registed Kathe Let (1809a) 19.00 Another World (75184) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (18828) 12.00 Oprah Whitey (78876) 1.00pm Geratio (54086) 2.00 Saly Jessy Apphale (51086) 3.00 Jerny Jones (7050) 4.00 Oprah Whitey (65867) 5.00 Sair Trakt Voyager (18947) 6.00 Dream Team (1909) 6.30 Martied with Children (5599) 7.00 The Simpsons (9679) 7.30 The Simpsons (9679) 7.30 The Simpsons (473) 8.00 The Simpsons (9666) 8.30 The Simpsons (19270) 11.00 Sair Trakt Voyager (76863) 12.00 Lets Show with David Letterman (78787) 1.00ests in the Hear of the Night (59042) 2.00 Long Play (5408597) SKY MOVVIES SCREEN 1

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TNT 9.00pm Passage to Marselle (1944) (9657612) 11.00 Dark of the Sun (1958) (84581550) 1.00em Investor Caseriel (1961) [64192226] 2.45 The Journey (1969) (21150905) 5.00 Close SKY SPORTS 1

7.00em Sports Centre (45947) 7.30 Beach-comber Social Seiters (80576) 8.30 Sports Centre (32005) 9.00 Recing Nove (55959) 9.30 Aerobios (5255) 10.00 Footballes' Football Show (20636) 11.00 Esprit (20589) 11.30 Tarten Bors (21216) 12.00 Aerobios Wrestling (1725) 5,06 Beachtomber Soo-cer Sevens (8531) 6,00 Sports Centre (829) 6,30 Futbol Mundal (8021) 7,00 Enpril (3780) 7,30 FA Cup Special — Year of the Giant (Rears (91522) 9,30 Futbol Mundal (76831) 10,00 Sports Centre (37454) 19,30 Espril (46102) 11,00 Pool (21367) 12,00 Sports Centre (46937) 12,30em Sport USA (51600) 2,00 Futbol Mundal (3481) 2,30 Sports Centre (28415) 3,00 Closs esting (11725) 5.00 Beachcomber Soc

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Twisted logic of the FIA allows Schumacher to escape without fine or suspension

Formula One shirks the issue

By MICHAEL CALVIN

FORMULA One brought itself into disrepute in the suitably surreal setting of an industrial estate beside the verted logic that harsh punishment represents an inadedeterrent allowed Michael Schumacher to esseven-day community service deterrent, it makes no sense to

The world council of the FIA. motorsport's governing body, reduced him to a nonperson, by excluding him from the 1997 world championship because of his excesses in the concluding race in Jerez on October 26, but immediately elevated him to a role model by obliging him to enlist in a k-long road safety campaign throughout Europe.
An Alice in Wonderland

atmosphere appeared to consume the disciplinary hearing at the headquarters of the RAC Motor Sports Association near Heathrow. Although Schumacher's collision with Jacques Villeneuve in the European Grand Prix at lerez was deemed to be a deliberate act, it was excused because it was regarded as the product of nothing more than instinctive panic.

The sense of bewilderment was reinforced by the fact that Schumacher was allowed to retain five victories on his record from a season in which, according to the revised drivers' championship table, he did not compete. Despite being stripped of second place, which has been filled by Heinz-Harald Frentzen, he will, conveniently enough, still be eligible for prize-money

Max Mosley, the FIA president, admitted that a suspension from the 1998 season had been considered, but concluded that it would have been futile". Speaking at a packed press conference, held in a ed to resemble a wedding marquee, he insisted that the world council had sent a message to all drivers in the sport - you will be excluded from any series if you commit

an illegitimate act". He emphasised that action would have been taken to deny

Schumacher the title had Villeneuve been forced to retire from the race, and exresponse by adding: "There is no driver competing who would not be willing to accept a ban from the next season if he could become world champion. Since a ban would be no

Jean Todt, the Ferrari team manager, was effusive in his moral support for Schu-macher. His mood had evidently been eased by the fact that they were not docked any points in the constructors' championship. He suggested

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to a sceptical audience that the world should concentrate on the "human sensibilities" of the German driver's situation. Villeneuve, on a skiing holi-

day, was unavailable for comment, but the wider response was one of barely-concealed disgust and dismay. Johnny Herbert, the British driver, said: "I am in shock." Damon Hill and Jackie Stewart, Britrepresent different genera-tions but embody identical attributes, were united in their

"It's hard to take the punishment seriously," Hill said. "Surely it is an instinctive action not to crash into someone. This comes a long way short of what could be regarded as punishment and that's what Max Mosley promised

before the race." Stewart, the triple world champion, said: "He [Schumacher) is a very, very lucky boy. My concern is that I think sport as a whole will not see this as a serious enough penalty for what the world saw. I felt the governing body would take a harsher view, make an example of this.

"It started with Ayrton [Sen-na] and Alain [Prost]. Now we have three men who have been great world champions and have all been involved in similar incidents. I fear this is a virus. I had hoped it would be cured by a healthy antidote, but I am not sure that this is

strong enough."
Schumacher, a picture of contrition in a grey suit, spoke quietly, in that familiar monotone. "It is quite a tough decision," he said. "It is important to me that there is no belief that it was a deliberate act. It was instinctive. I never stop learning and I will take a big lesson from this.

"I did not want to admit it at the time but now I've had the chance to understand what I did. I did not win the championship when I felt I could. and that is not very easy to live with. I had two or three nights without sleep, and I have had to accept what I have done.

Now I just want to disappear and go on holiday. I am not Superman, and I am not the biggest idiot in the world. I am somewhere in the middle. I am only human."

Mosley could see no contra-

diction in Schumacher playing a pivotal role in a public relations campaign designed to emphasise the importance of safety aids like child restraints, seat belts and headrests. "A reformed sinner is the most effective advocate for something like that," he said. proportion, no sense of the scale of public disaffection with the entire episode. Fordistorted values in which the supposed crime of omitting to remove the steering wheel in the event of an accident merits

a fine of \$5,000. Schumacher inflicted real damage on the sport's image, instinctively or otherwise, and has got off scot-free.

Donation returned, page 8 Simon Barnes, page 22



A contrite Schumacher defends his actions to the press. "I am not Superman," he said

Moves in hand to put stop to subterfuge

structive conclusion yes-terday, when the tran-scripts of taped conversations from the European Grand Prix, published in The Times, led to a promise that Formula One is about to enter a new One is about to enter a new age of public accountability.

The world council of the FIA cleared the Williams and McLaren teams of conspiring to influence the result of the final race of the season, then cleared the way for the sport to mount a far reaching

ttack on institutionalise

subterfuge.

Max Mosley, president of the FIA, will use the case to sure team owners into abandoning surreptitious taping of pit-wall conversations. The hearing yesterday featured not only the two tapes disclosed in The Times, which were in the possession of several teams, including Ferrari, but also a decoded transcript of encrypted trans-missions from the McLaren

conversations between Jacques Villeneuve and Jock Clear, his engineer, revealed what he termed "blind panic" in the Williams pit rather than any premeditated attempt to ulate a McLaren win. The McLaren tape revealed what Mosley described as "vehement arguments" be-tween David Coulthard and team officials when he was ordered to give way to his colleague, Mika Hakkinen, but the FIA decided that such team orders were legitimate.
The Williams team, who admitted approaching rivals

with a request not to interfere in the straight fight for the opportunity to comment. McLaren emphasised, in a statement, that it "prides itself on the high level of integrity and sportsmanship with which it contests the Formula

One championship Mosley said: "It is well known that everyone in Formula One tapes everyone else's radio conversations. Some of the other teams have been deceding McLaren's transmissions for some time, McLaren. All of this really

needs to be out in the open. Next season that will be part of the arrangement."
He acknowledged that the publication of the Jerez tapes accelerated the debate because once the whole issue was in the public domain it clearly needed to be looked at quickly. They formed a significant part of Schumacher's strated the degree of stress

and pressure on the drivers.

That is a mitigating factor.

Mosley said: "You have to remember that both he and Villeneuve were under enor-



Mosley: "Everyone tapes everyone's conversations"

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weight of their countries and their teams on their shoulders. There was one point between them and they had people shouting to their ears. 'It was an extraordinary set

of circumstances. The drivers were hyped up, dealing with a tremendous amount of adrenalin, excitement and pressure. There is a great tendency to do comething unwise in the heat

"I do believe, quite sincerearrangement of the kind that we feared there might have been. Far from damaging Formula One, I think it actually benefits it, because it has become clear that it is being run as it should be run.

Everyone concerned with Formula One is absolutely determined that no race will ever be fixed. It is important in a major world sport that exerything is open. I don't like the idea of things like radio on secret

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Rusedski's racket and beyond

his baseline. Unfortunate it

may have been but Rafter

would have been the more

insulted had he suffered that

rub himself. The match was

called out in that game,"

Rusedski said, "but these

things are bound to happen at

the pace I serve. It didn't decide the match. Pat won

because he raised his game

right shoulder had plagued

him. "I was just never in

control of the match," he said.

"It is not easy to serve and

volley out there."
Still, he was not too despon-

dent. "The three times I've

won here. I lost a match in the

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Rusedski fails to resume normal service at world championship

capitalise on an encouraging start against Patrick Rafte yesterday, succumbing 4-6. 6-3, 6-4 in his opening round-robin match of the ATP Tour world championship here. The match hinged on a handful of points, but Rusedski can have no complaints. Rafter proved watertight on his ser-

tant half-hour. The Great Britain No! must now win his remaining two matches - against Carlos Moyà and Pete Sampras, whom he plays today progress to the semi-finals. It is hard to assess his prospects. Against all the odds, Moya put Sampras, the defending champion, to the sword in this tournament's curtain-raiser and, in the process, threw this

"I don't think that result makes any difference," Rused-ski said, however. "I have got

Moya's 6-3, 6-7, 6-2 victory over Sampras, the world No I, was ominous. It demonstrated that the hard court laid in playing far more slowly than anticipated. Considered to be the tournament's whipping boy on Monday, Moya may yet prove the hardest to beat on the high-bouncing surface,

Certainly, the court diluted. Rusedski's potent service, a fact underlined by his winning only 79 per cent of points on his first delivery. That statistic has been up in the nineties over the two-month indoor season and Rafter, gradually working his way into the

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

vantage. So vulnerable on service in the opening set, the Australian never wavered once conceding it, at no stage looking remotely troubled against Rusedski's irregular returns. Indeed, in the last two sets. Rafter lost just 11 points vice after rebounding with on serve to endorse the superiority he posted against the typical panache from a hesi-Briton in the US Open final. That opening set offered

Rusedski a cruelly deceptive

illusion. So frequently did he

threaten Rafter that he could

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break points he spurned only once conjuring a return against the Australian's service. However, he gleefully converted the sixth when he penetrated some stubborn net resistance from his opponent with a whipped pass at close The backlash was not long in coming. Suddenly, the Brit-

on's first service, so secure throughout with its mixture of pace and direction, deserted him. In game four, a series of low returns from Rafter forced some masty volleys from . Rusedski, which he could not control. A rasping backhand from Rafter secured the deciding break — although Rusedski fended off another

Earlier, Sampras looked woefully out of touch against break point when trailing 2-4. Moval of Spain, in as fine an hors d'oeuvre as any champ-He was still level at one set all, but his service had lost much ionship could have wished for. Moya quickly belied the fact that he came into the contest with four successive defeats by taking the opening set. Yet, for all the champion's tribulations, Sampras seemed to have turned the tide when saving two match points in the second set. Not a bit of it. Movà resumed his onslaught of baseline winners to race away with the deciding set. Sampras dismissed suggestions that his troublesome



Sampras tries to come to terms with Moya's display

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